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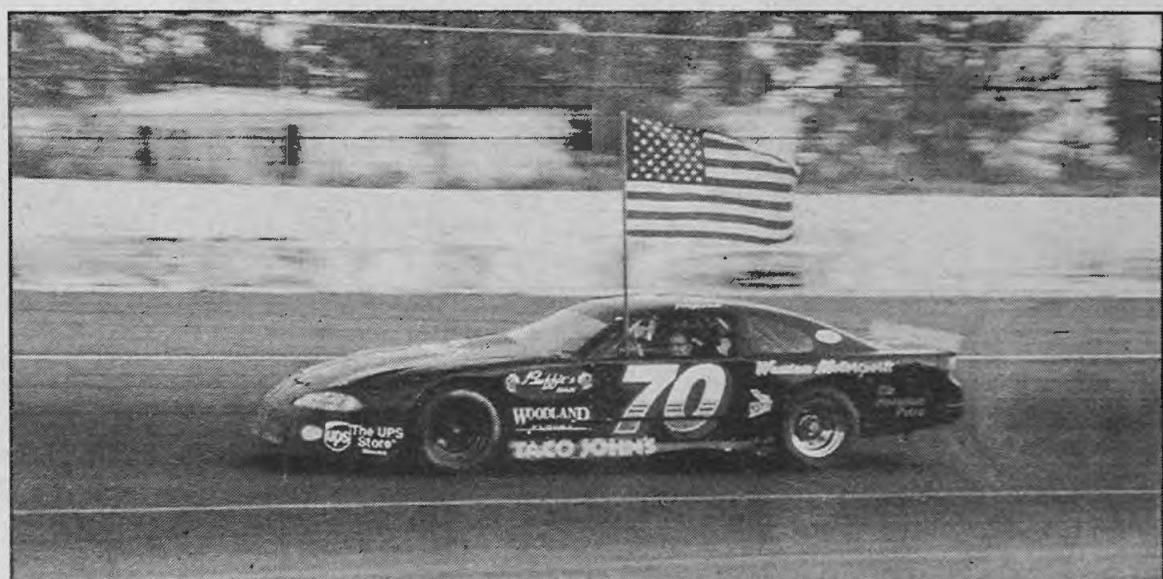
Jeff Van Oudenoven (8) passes NASCAR star Carl Edwards (99) in Tuesday's 100-lap Wisconsin Challenge Series event at Wisconsin International Raceway in Kaukauna, WI. See Page 2.
(Ron Erstad photo)



Watertown, SD's Jon Tesch (14) won the 40-lap United States Modified Touring Series A-main Wednesday night at Thunderhill Raceway in Sturgeon Bay, WI. Here Tesch swaps the lead with local driver Nick Anvelink. See Page 3.
(Dan Lewis photo)



Danny Schlafer (25) heads off Lance Fassbender (7) on his way to the win in the Midwest Sprintcar Association A-main at Plymouth (WI) Dirt Track on Saturday. The win was Schlafer's 61st in a sprint car. See Page 6.
(Mike Spitzer photo)



Neil Knoblock grabbed fast time Saturday night in the limited late model division at the Marshfield (WI) Super Speedway and later went on to win the feature. See Page 6.
(D's Racing Imagery photo)



Necedah, WI's Johnny Sauter (1) passes Ron Hornaday (32) for the lead on lap 57 of the SBC 250 NASCAR Busch Series race at The Milwaukee Mile in West Allis, WI, on Saturday night. Sauter became the first Wisconsin native to win on The Mile in the Busch Series. See Page 13. (Dave Drews photo)



Ted Musgrave (1) gets under fellow Badger Stater Todd Kluever in turn 4 at The Milwaukee Mile during Friday's Toyota Tundra Milwaukee 200. Musgrave placed third and Kluever wound up ninth Friday. See Page 12.
(Roy C. Schmidt photo)

Van Oudenoven Outruns Stars, Wins Challenge Series Show at WIR

by Mark W. Theisen

KAUKAUNA, WI, June 21 -- In 2003 NASCAR champion Matt Kenseth's only appearance in his home state, over 6,800 fans - mostly wearing the black and yellow colors of Kenseth's primary Cup car sponsor - jammed Wisconsin International Raceway Tuesday night to watch Kenseth, his Roush Racing teammate Carl Edwards and NASCAR veteran Randy LaJoie join an impressive field of Wisconsin Challenge Series super late models for the Factory Motor Parts All-Star Challenge 100.

Kenseth, a two-time WIR champion, had not raced at the track in nine years, while Edwards and LaJoie were getting their first taste of the tricky D-shaped half-mile, but Edwards quickly gained the upper hand in the afternoon practice sessions while the other two struggled with mechanical gremlins. Edwards qualified on time for the 100-lap feature, while both Kenseth and LaJoie gained entry into the 28-car field by promoter option.

A Series record 65 cars entered the event, with 63 taking timed laps. WIR veterans Terry Baldry and Mark Schroeder posted identical timed laps, with Baldry awarded fast time honors by posting his first.

Inversion of the top ten qualifiers put Steve Holzhausen on the pole, but outside front-row starter Jim Duchow got the upper hand and, aided by a caution-free first 50 laps, pulled to a nearly quarter-lap lead before the caution waived on lap 50 to end the first segment of the race.

Edwards, driving a team car to Duchow, quickly moved to second but had his hands full keeping the WIR veterans behind him. Tim Rothe passed Edwards on lap 27 to gain second, and Jeff Van Oudenoven put the impressive young Cup and Busch Series driver down another position before the mandatory caution at lap 50.

A random draw was conducted

during the break to invert the top four runners for the restart. This wiped out Duchow's huge lead, and four laps into the restart Van Oudenoven disposed of Edwards and was never again challenged. Rothe repassed Edwards for second on lap 57 but retired from the event on lap 60 with engine woes, moving Rod Wheeler into second. But Wheeler was unable to close on Van Oudenoven and finished second, ahead of Nathan Haselau, Duchow, Edwards and Kenseth.

Kenseth's finish was the culmination of a very tough day. "We were on seven cylinders for most of practice," said Kenseth. "The crew worked their butts off to get it ready for the race, and we were very competitive but just too far behind to work our way back to the front, with the cars we were racing against tonight."

Kenseth also thanked everyone who came to the event, co-promoted



All-Star Challenge 100 feature winner Jeff Van Oudenoven does his best Carl Edwards imitation by diving into the arms of his crew after exiting his car in victory lane Tuesday night at WIR.

(Chuck Look photo)



Visiting NASCAR star Carl Edwards (99) and Jim Duchow (66) were teammates for the night at Kaukauna during the Wisconsin Challenge Series show Tuesday. Duchow finished the 100-lap main

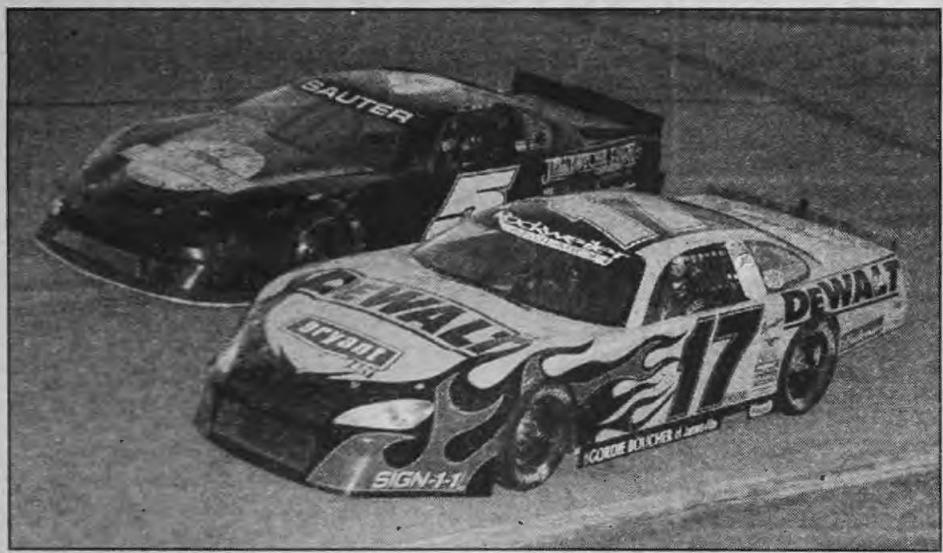
(Doug Hornickel photo)

that the place to be was in front, and when I lost it I could not get it back. It certainly was fun racing against these guys tonight, and Carl (Edwards) was a great teammate. He wanted to win this race."

"This was a lot of fun," said Edwards after the race. "I probably held some of the guys up, but I was racing and I was learning the track. It (the track) was a lot different than

anything I've raced on before, and it certainly got my attention. I think I've learned a few things that I can do to make my car better if I ever return here."

Because of the record number of entrants, three 25-lap last chance qualifying races were held to fill the main event field. Ryan Matthews won the first race with Andrew Morrisey second; Tim Schendel was



Former NASCAR Cup champ Matt Kenseth (17) works the inside line against fellow Wisconsin native Jim Sauter, Jr. (5) during the All-Star Challenge 100 at WIR on Tuesday. (Doug Hornickel photo)



Brent Strelka (52) spins in the 1-2 corner and collects Robb Vanderloop (18) and Tom Gee, Jr. (36) during the 40-lap WCS consolation race.



Randy LaJoie (r) meets event co-promoter and WCS director Jeff Sachse (l) and other officials of the All-Star Challenge 100 at WIR Tuesday night.

(D's Racing Imagery photo)

Kenseth, Edwards Get Warm Welcome from WIR Fans

by Mark Theisen
exclusive to CFRN

KAUKAUNA, WI, June 21 -- From the indication of the fans' response to the appearances by NASCAR stars Matt Kenseth, Carl Edwards and Randy LaJoie during Tuesday's Factory Motor Parts All-Star Challenge 100 for the Wisconsin Challenge Series super late models at Wisconsin International Raceway, it would be a good idea to bring them back again soon.

Edwards got almost as much applause



Carl Edwards' effervescent smile was present all night Tuesday, much to the delight of the fans at WIR Tuesday. (Chuck Look photo)

as did Badger State native son Kenseth, whose father Roy co-promoted the event, and Edwards' charm and good-natured manner endeared him to the WIR fans, as he has been doing throughout the country this year.

Kenseth and Edwards participated in a press conference prior to the race program, and Kenseth got the lion's share of the questions from the group present. He addressed the possibility of making this year's NASCAR Nextel Cup championship chase by saying, "It is not going to be easy, but perhaps we've turned the corner. Our finish at Michigan on (June 19, a fourth) indicated that we are a much better team than our record shows this year, and now we have to do just what we did in that race and keep all our problems behind us. Keep away from the wrecks and mechanical woes and just race. If we can do that, then we have a chance."

The main focus of questions raised for Edwards was about his super-human schedule this year, as he is competing on both NASCAR's Cup and Busch Series full-time, and how he found the time to be in Kaukauna. "This week alone I will do press and PR work in Milwaukee, then fly to Sonoma (CA, site of this past week's Cup race) to do media work and qualify, then fly to Milwaukee to practice, qualify and race the Busch car, and then back to California, and then next week I'll do it all over."

Asked if he is getting tired, Edwards said, "My motto has become, 'Be careful

what you wish for, for it might happen'. I dreamed of making it to NASCAR and winning races, and now that I'm there I have to deal with it. So far it's working out."

Edwards credits an exercise and diet regimen learned from Mark Martin, another Roush teammate, as helping him cope with his difficult year.

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Hot Laps

Drop 'em a Note ... Give 'em a Call

WATERTOWN, WI -- Word has reached the staff of CFRN of local well-known auto racing personalities who are "under the weather."

Rich Somers, the long-time standout pavement late model driver from Stevens Point, was recently hospitalized and underwent surgery Sunday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield for an undisclosed illness. As of press time Somers is resting following the surgery.

For fans of Rich's who wish to send him get-well notes, the address of the hospital is: St. Joseph's Hospital, Attn: Richard Somers, 611 St. Joseph Avenue, Marshfield, WI 54449.

Also, long-time CFRN columnist, photographer and supporter Bob Bergeron continues to recover from surgery at his home in the Fox Valley area. Anyone wishing to give Bob a call should dial (920) 687-0196.

CFRN wishes to extend its best wishes and prayers for speedy recoveries for these two gentlemen.

July 9 Race at Madison Off ASL Schedule for Now

BAILEYS HARBOR, WI -- The Saturday, July 9, 150-lap American StockCar League race scheduled for Madison International Raceway in Oregon will be moved to a later date.

The track had been rented to an individual to hold a concert, ASL race and possible vintage racing on July 9th, but those events have all been cancelled by the promoter of the event.

The replacement date is expected to be announced shortly for the ASL teams.

The next event on the ASL schedule is Sunday night, July 3, at I-94 Raceway in Sauk Centre, MN, with racing to begin at 6 pm. The Mid-Am super trucks will also be in action July 3 at I-94, along with several local divisions.

R@PP Slates LM Shows for Remainder of '05

BEAVER DAM, WI, June 24 -- The Raceway at Powercom Park has announced the scheduling of three late model events for the remainder of its 2005 schedule.

A formulated payout, based on a car count and reverting back to the track's 2004 pay structure, combined with a program of qualifying, a six-lap shoot-out of the top six qualifiers, and an A-main event, will be make up the itinerary at Powercom Park. The nightly format will be the same as at the Powercom SpeedZone in Oshkosh. Payouts will be paid complete.

Race dates at Powercom Park that will include late models in their schedule of events include July 23, August 20 and September 3.

The late model division will remain on the weekly schedule at the SpeedZone for the remainder of the season. R@PP officials recently discontinued weekly late model racing for the rest of its 2005 regular season.

ASL Announces Tire Change

BAILEYS HARBOR, WI -- The American StockCar League has announced a tire change beginning on the Sunday, July 3, event at I-94 Raceway in Sauk Centre, MN.

The current radial tire is being replaced by a Hoosier bias-ply tire (3035 left and 4045 right) that is approximately half the cost of the current tire. The change is being instituted following extensive surveys of teams not participating in ASL events which have disclosed the expense of tires has been their number one concern. Initial tests by ASL teams on the new tires have been very successful.

Qualifying is planned for 5 pm on July 3 at I-94, with racing to begin at 6 on the 3/8th-mile paved oval. Mid-Am super trucks will also compete, along with several local divisions.

The ASL 150 will top off a busy two-night weekend at I-94 which also includes a Midwest AllStar Racing Series 100-lap late model race and local divisions running on Saturday, July 2, at 7 pm. Contact the series office at (920) 823-2856 for additional information.

Seymour Program Washed Out

SEYMORE, WI, June 26 -- There were 124 cars signed in and several late comers were in line when a shower hit the Seymour Speedway 20 minutes before race time, forcing N.E.W. DIRT to pull the plug on its scheduled Sunday night racing program.

The scheduled activities, including the "bump and run" event, will be rescheduled for later this season.

A full five-division program will be on tap for Sunday, July 3, with the WISSOTA late models running a special "Australian Pursuit" event and a big fireworks show closing out the program. Racing will start at 5 pm.

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Shryock Leads the Way in 'Burg USMTS Go

by Joe Verdegan

LUXEMBURG, WI, June 23 -- Six-time United States Modified Touring Series champion Kelly Shryock of Fertile, IA, took the lead at the drop of the green and survived ten caution periods to win the 40-lap USMTS modified feature at Luxemburg Speedway Thursday night.

Shryock jumped into the lead and held it through three caution periods for various spins in the first five laps, then quickly closed in on lapped traffic by lap 13. The Iowa hotshot built up a full straightaway advantage until several more caution flags flew over the contest, but Schryock disposing of his foes on each restart. Fellow Iowan Ryan Ruter stormed through the field from the 19th starting spot to take second in the closing laps, followed by Tommy Myer, Jon Tesch and Zack Vanderbeek. Mike Mashf fared best among the locals, placing ninth.

Greg Gretz took advantage of Shawn Kilgore's misfortune to capture the 25-lap stock car feature. Dave Bouche and Kyle Frederick swapped the lead for the first several circuits, and Frederick maintained the lead through a pair of early cautions. By lap 12 a five-car battle developed for the lead, with Bouche lead-

ing until Kilgore drove around Bouche on lap 14. Kilgore kept the lead through two more caution periods until a caution flew with three laps remaining, and on the restart Kilgore cut a tire, forcing him out of the race. Gretz inherited the lead and fought off Rod Snellenberger to score the win. Frederick, Craig Paque and Ben Kroll rounded out the top five finishers.

Keith Kickbush led every lap en route to victory in the 15-lap hobby stock feature. Trailing at the checkers were Dan Davister, Mike Mueller, Tony Kanas and Dave DeGrave.

A total of 52 USMTS modifieds were on hand, along with 25 stock cars and 12 hobby stocks.

There was no racing at Luxemburg Speedway on Friday, June 24. Weekly racing will resume at the third-mile clay oval on Friday, July 1, with a \$750-to-win IMCA stock car special. IMCA modifieds and hobby stocks, and 141 Speedway hobby stocks will also run that evening, and a huge fireworks display is also planned. For more information call (920) 863-8446; the track phone number is (920) 845-2300.

RESULTS

USMTS MODIFIEDS

Feature: 1-10: Kelly Shryock, Fertile, IA; Ryan Ruter, Kanawha, IA; Tommy Myer, Blooming

Prairie, MN; Jon Tesch, Watertown, SD; Zack VanderBeek, New Sharon, IA; Jason Krohn, Slayton, MN; Brad McEwen, Storm Lake, IA; Al Hejna, Clear Lake, IA; Mike Mashf, DePere, Sean Jerovetz, Little Suamico.

11-20: Nick Anvelink, Bonduel; Jeremy Jacobs, Kewaunee; Brian Mullen, Seymour; Corey Dripps, Waterloo, IA; Brandon Czarapata, Kaukauna; Todd Dart, Algoma; Danny Deau, Little Suamico; John Logue, Boone, IA; Jason Hughes, Colcord, OK; Benji LaCrosse, Luxemburg.

21-25: Dave Zeitzer, Luxemburg; Jeremy Hedrick, Shawano; Paul Parker, Kaukauna; Willy Kraft, Lakefield, MN; Tommy Weder, Jr., Woodward, OK.

Semi-Feature 1: B. Mullen; Kraft; Jacobs.

Semi-Feature 2: Myer; VanderBeek; Tesch.

Heat 1: Krohn; Zeitzer.

Heat 2: Hughes; Jeremy Hedrick, Shawano.

Heat 3: Dart; LaCrosse.

Heat 4: Shryock; Mullen.

Heat 5: Dripps; Jerovetz.

STOCK CARS

Feature: Greg Gretz, Kewaunee; Rod Snellenberger, Pulaski; Kyle Frederick, Gillett; Craig Paque, Algoma; Ben Kroll, Kewaunee; Dave Bouche, Algoma.

Heat 1: Gretz; Kroll.

Heat 2: Paque; Brian Bruechert, Kewaunee.

Heat 3: Shawn Kilgore, Kewaunee; Junior Karcz, Pulaski.

HOBBY STOCKS

Feature: Keith Kickbush, Kewaunee; Dan Davister, Luxemburg; Mike Mueller, Green Bay; Tony Kanas, Lomira; Dave DeGrave, Luxemburg.

Heat 1: DeGrave; Ed Anschutz, Algoma.

Heat 2: Davister; Kickbush.

RESULTS

USMTS MODIFIEDS

Feature: Jon Tesch, Watertown, SD; Kelly Shryock, Fertile, IA; Nick Anvelink, Navarino; Sean Jerovetz, Little Suamico; Tommy Meyer, Bloomington Prairie, MN.

B Main 1: Jason Hughes, Gentry, NE; John Logue, Boone, IA.

B Main 2: Zach Vanderbeek; Meyer.

Heat 1: Al Hejna, Davenport, IA; Brian Mullen, Seymour.

Heat 2: Jason Krohn, Slayton, MN; Tesch.

Heat 3: Anvelink; Shryock.

Heat 4: Jerovetz; Tommy Weder, Jr., Woodward, OK.

Heat 5: Todd Dart, Algoma; Brad McEwan, Storm Lake, IA.

STOCK CARS

Feature: Shawn Kilgore, Kewaunee; Larry Karcz, Pulaski; Craig Paque, Algoma; Rod Snellenberger, Pulaski.

Heat 1: Dave Bouche, Algoma; Bernie Reinhardt, Sturgeon Bay.

Heat 2: Karcz; Rick Mahlberg.

STREET STOCKS

Feature: Aaron Thornton, Forestville; Scott Reinhardt, Baileys Harbor; Mike Pierrard, Green Bay; Von Eytcheson, Forestville.

Heat 1: Eytcheson; Troy Muensch, Green Bay.

Heat 2: Thornton; Scott Iverson, Sturgeon Bay.

Tesch Wins Thunderhill USMTS Mod Feature

by Greg Areogni

STURGEON BAY, WI, June 22 -- Watertown, SD's Jon Tesch won the 40-lap United States Modified Touring Series A-Main Wednesday Night at Thunderhill Raceway. Tesch, who started fourth row inside, charged to the front and took the lead on lap 11 and never looked back.

Al Hejna looked like the man to beat early on, until Nick Anvelink shot to his inside. Their battle allowed Tesch to close to the top two, until Anvelink secured the lead and started to pull away. A lap 7 caution for John Logue grouped the pack back together, and after Anvelink again pulled away Tesch moved outside and caught Anvelink, making the winning pass on lap 11 and powering away. On lap 20 Kelly Shryock moved inside on Anvelink and made a pass for second, before a series of cautions with ten laps to go kept the field close, but on the restart Tesch pulled away, followed by Shryock, Anvelink, Sean Jerovetz and Tommy Myer.

Shawn Kilgore of Kewaunee took the lead from Larry Karcz, Jr., with three laps to go to win the 25-lap stock car event. Greg Gretz led the opening five laps until Karcz made his way inside on Gretz. Contact caused Gretz's left-front tire to go down and he pitted, moving Craig Paque to second. As Karcz and Paque battled for the lead, Kilgore made it a three-car dance and went three-wide numerous times. With three laps to go Kilgore found enough bite up top and took the lead, then pulled away from Karcz for a hard-fought victory. Paque and Rod Snellenberger followed at the line.

Aaron Thornton used a front-row start to his advantage and won the 20-lap street stock feature. Thornton endured heavy pressure from Scott Reinhardt as the top four pulled away. With three laps to go Reinhardt nudged Thornton to let him know he was there, but Thornton went on to win his first feature of

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Hejna Hits Paydirt in USMTS 'Dairyland Invasion' Opener at Antigo

ANTIGO, WI, June 21 -- The United States Modified Touring Series launched its invasion of Wisconsin on Tuesday night at the Langlade County Speedway, for the first of four straight nights of racing in the Dairy State.

Starting third, USMTS ace Al Hejna of Clear Lake, IA, quickly snuck into the top spot on lap 1 of the 30-lap A-main, then paced the 24-car field for rest of the race to score the win in the Badger Summer Classic. Despite dozens of top-five finishes during the 2004-'05 seasons, the win was the first in USMTS competition for Hejna since a victory in Memphis, MO, on April 26, 2003.

Tommy Myer was no match for Hejna and settled for a runner-up finish, while Jason Hughes wound up third. Brad McEwan grabbed fourth, and USMTS points leader Kelly Shryock completed the top five after bouncing back from a lap 1 incident which forced the six-time Series champion to restart at the tail of the field.

Late Models to Head for Luxemburg for 'Battle' Raindate

LUXEMBURG, WI -- Luxemburg Speedway officials are preparing for the return of the Wisconsin Dirt Late Model Association for the fourth annual 40-lap "Battle of the 'Burg" on Sunday, July 10. The original scheduled date for the event on June 10 was rained out.

The event pits local WIS-SOTA late model favorites against series regulars, many of whom are Milwaukee-area racers who compete weekly on Tuesday nights at

Powercom Speedzone in Oshkosh.

"Last month we had 30 cars and the rains came," said track manager Rick Goral. "Hopefully we'll get the monkey off of our backs with Mother Nature this time around. Seymour's off that night, so we're expecting a real solid field of cars in all of our classes."

Also competing in a full national and track points-paying night will be IMCA modifieds, stock cars and hobby

stocks.

The pits open at 4 pm, while the grandstand opens at 5. Racing gets underway at 6:30 pm. For more information, call (920) 863-8446. For information on the WDLMA, call (414) 839-4945. The track phone is (920) 845-2300. Luxemburg Speedway is located 15 minutes east of Green Bay off Highway 54, at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds.

Morrissey Tightens ASL Points Battle with Reffner

BAILEYS HARBOR, WI -- Andrew Morrissey has tightened the points race in the American StockCar League going into the Sunday night, July 3, event at the I-94 Raceway in Sauk Centre, MN.

Morrissey, coming off a win Saturday at Madison International Speedway in Oregon, has closed the gap to 394-359 behind Reffner. Ryan Mathews is a close third (347 points), followed by Trevor Stewart (334) and Jarit Johnson (315). Jonathan Davenport is a close sixth (311).

The Mid-Am super trucks will join the ASL cars on the 3/8th-mile paved oval on July 3, along with several local divisions, at 6 p.m.

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Haseleu Wins Big at Madison

by John Wells

OREGON, WI, June 24 -- Nathan Haseleu of Pardeeville won Friday night's ASA late model 75-lap feature at Madison International Speedway.

Dan Lensing took the early lead, but from the 14th starting position Haseleu quickly worked through the field. After six laps he had passed nine cars and was up to fifth, and on lap 15 he moved into second place behind Lensing.

On lap 22 Haseleu worked past Lensing for the lead, and despite several cautions and heavy lapped traffic he held off Lensing and the fast-charging Ryan Hanson and Chad Wood for the rest of the race. Bobby Wilberg rounded out the top five.

Andrew Morrissey took home his second straight super late model feature win. Brian Johnson, Jr., grabbed the early lead, while on lap 11 Steve Rubeck overtook Kevin Tunks for second. By lap 14 Morrissey had already moved to fifth from his tenth-place start.

By lap 20 Johnson's advantage over Rubeck had just about disappeared, but Johnson held off Rubeck until lap

33, when Rubeck made the pass to take the lead. One lap later Morrissey motored by Johnson for second, and he took the lead with an inside pass of Rubeck on lap 40 and cruised to victory. Rubeck held on to second, followed by Dale Nottestad, Ryan Mathews and Wilberg.

Scott Lawver won his first-ever Area Sportsman feature after coming close several times this year. Chico Riedner, in his first time out at MIS in 2005, led the first six laps until Lawver, running the outside groove, passed Riedner and led the rest of way. Following Lawver at the stripe were Riedner, Ryan Goldade, Jay Kalbus and Mark Deporter.

Bryan Pautsch took the early Midwest Truck Series feature lead and held it for the first seven laps of the 20 scheduled before Gary Cerny powered by and took the top spot for good. Cerny was followed at the line by Garrett Goth, Vince Wilkinson, Dann Barber and Todd Schmitz.

There will be no racing at MIS on Friday, July 1.

RESULTS

ASA LATE MODELS

Feature: Nate Haseleu, Pardeeville; Dan Lensing, Rockford;

IL; Ryan Hanson, Beloit; Chad Wood, Madison; Bobby Wilberg, Orfordville; John Wood, Madison; Troy Hintzsche, Malta, IL; Ryan Carlson, Loves Park, IL; Travis Sauter, Necedah; Jesse Saunders, Janesville

Fast Qualifier: Haseleu, 18.352 secs (98.082 mph).

Qualifying Race: Nick Hammer, Sun Prairie.

SUPER LATE MODELS

Feature: Andrew Morrissey, DeForest; Steve Rubeck, Cherry Valley, IL; Dale Nottestad, Cambridge; Ryan Mathews, Lake Geneva; Bobby Wilberg, Orfordville; Terry Baldry, Omro; Brian Johnson, Jr., Roscoe, IL; Jeremy Miller, Rockton, IL; Kyle Kinder, McFarland; Jeff Storm, Waterford.

Fast Qualifier: Wilberg, 17.830 secs (100.952 mph).

MIDWEST TRUCK SERIES

Feature: Gary Cerny, Janesville; Garrett Goth, Cottage Grove; Vince Wilkinson, Sandwich, IL; Dann Barber, Oregon; Todd Schmitz, Verona; Bryan Pautsch, Sun Prairie; Chris Stocks, Milton.

Fast Qualifier: Wilkinson, 19.503 secs (92.293 mph).

AREA SPORTSMAN

Feature: Scott Lawver, Roscoe, IL; Scott Riedner, Waunakee; Ryan Goldade, Stoughton; Jay Kalbus, Oconomowoc; Mark Deporter, Fort Atkinson; Casey Burns, Edgerton; Luke Padfield, Jefferson; Josh Courtney, Janesville; Jim Burns, Janesville; Mike Bingham, Milton.

Fast Qualifier: Goldade, 20.767 secs (86.676 mph).

Heat Winners: Riedner; Lawver.

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FARLEY, IA -- The Fourth of July weekend will be a busy one for weekly racing competitors at all three Simmons Promotions, Inc., tracks.

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lap, \$1500-to-win late model feature.

SPI will take the same format to the 3/8th-mile Grant County Raceway clay oval in Lancaster, WI, on Saturday, July 2, with all classes will be competing for points. The weekend tour will conclude on Sunday, July 3, at the high-banked Dubuque Speedway with the final "Firecracker 40."

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Kasperek, Adams Victorious in Midwest Enduro Doubleheader

WISCONSIN DELLS, WI, June 25 -- Clintonville's Mike Kasperek made his first appearance in Midwest Enduro Stock Car Series competition in two years worthwhile, as he came home first in the Alakai Hotel & Suites 250 enduro held Saturday at the Dells Motor Speedway. Kasperek was the Series' champion in 1997.

Kasperek was the overall winner and first in the "A" class over Matt Schlick. In the "B" class it was Tom Carr over Don Lunsford, and in the "C" class it was Donald Paskiewicz over Larry Wiedenhoef.

The weather was overcast and humid, and that seemed to reflect the nature of the 250-lap main event. Just one lap into the event Jeff Schmidt tangled with Todd Ludtke and went hard into the turn 1 wall, ending his day. As the race resumed a battle developed between brothers Art and Phil Speciale, and at the 25-lap mark Art was in front. But at lap 55 Art Speciale was black-flagged for driving with one

hand on the steering wheel and sent to pit area. This put brother Phil up front as the field approached the first of three mandatory refueling stops at lap 65.

After the break Jeff Jeras soon joined with Phil Speciale in a battle for the point, but Jeras dropped out of the picture by lap 91 when he suffered a flat tire. By lap 100 Jared Pinkalla was the first challenger to Speciale, and the pair swapped the lead several times before the next pit stop at lap 130, with Speciale still out front.

There was not much change in the running order over the first 70 laps after the restart, but with 50 laps remaining the intensity seemed to build, especially between Speciale and Pinkalla. With 20 laps to go the two collided on the main straightaway, sending Speciale into the pit wall with a broken axle. The field was slowed a few circuits later to remove Speciale from his car, and Pinkalla was also through for the day. With 13 laps remaining, Kasperek

took advantage of the situation and went on to the victory, by six seconds over Schlick, Rick Cregger, Darryl Traber and Art Speciale.

Lenny Adams picked up his first win of the season in Midwest Enduro Small Car Series competition by dominating the "Alakai Hotel & Suites 100" enduro for the four-cylinder class. Polesitter Tony Prietzl jumped out to a comfortable lead for the first six circuits before Adams caught him as Prietzl's mount began to slow. Prietzl's engine eventually expired on lap 15, and Adams was never threatened for the balance of the event, as he held a perfect line throughout the event and lapped the entire field. At the line Adams was followed by Jack Rabey, Nathan Matz, Rod Brossart and Dave Goebel.

The next Series event is the annual "Fairtime 250," slated for Monday, July 4, at the Grundy County Speedway in Morris, IL. A powder puff event is set for a 6:30 pm start, followed by the main event at 7. For further information contact (262) 895-6682 from 5-9 pm or leave a message.

RESULTS

MIDWEST ENDURO STOCK CAR SERIES

A Class: Mike Kasperek, Clintonville; Matt Schlick, Cortland, IL; Rick Cregger, Madison; Darryl Traber, Waterford; Art Speciale, Bartlett; Tom Barnhardt, Franksville; Mark Tomasi, West Allis; Jim Plautz, Edgerton; Tracy Carr, Beloit; Frank Calabrese, Shiocton.

B Class: Tom Carr, Beloit; Don Lunsford, Oak Creek; Troy Porter, Weston; Erich Iversen, Kenosha; Bob Nuti, Edgerton; Jim Sorrick; Bob Stubblefield, Sycamore, IL; Jeff Sayler, Howards Grove; Mike Beagel, Winthrop Harbor, IL; Geoff VeZan, Ottawa, IL.

C Class: Donald Paskiewicz, Franklin; Larry Wiedenhoef, Jackson; Brian Biener, Junction City; Julie DeNood, Aurora, IL; Scott Bodoh, Madison; Craig Phillips, Edgerton; Tom Waldman, Edgerton; Brad Jones, Rockton, IL; Gary Peat, Madison; Todd Ludtke, Lake Geneva.

MIDWEST ENDURO SMALL CAR SERIES

1-10: Lenny Adams, Crystal Lake, IL; Jack Rabey, Brighton; Nathan Matz, Elkhorn; Rod Brossart, Fox Lake, IL; Dave Goebel, Elgin, IL; Art Speciale, Bartlett, IL; Valerie Epright, Delavan; Todd Lunsford, Caledonia; Derek Glessel, Adams; Dylan Helfenstein, Racine.

Konetski Nets Second Career SLM Win in Slinger 70-Lapper

by Dan Margetta

SLINGER, WI, June 26 -- Austin Konetski charged to his second career late model feature victory Sunday night at the Slinger Super Speedway, taking the checkered flag first in the 70-lap late model feature.

"All year long we've been fast in qualifying, but it's so hard to come from the back," Konetski stated from victory lane. "It's so tough here with the competition, and there's so many good guys racing here that it's fun when you win."

Dan Jung used the outside lane to charge into the early lead, with Konetski following. The tight field contributed to a quick caution flag for a tangle between Nick Schumacher and Dave Teske, and on the restart Konetski immediately took to the outside. Jung held Konetski off for a few laps before the Janesville driver finally took the lead on lap 15. On lap 21 Matt Kocourek spun off the front stretch, but the race stayed green.

Konetski began to work lapped traffic by lap 50 and Jung remained within striking distance as David Prunty completed a pass for third a few laps later. A Fred Winn spin on lap 62 slowed the race a second time and set up an eight-lap sprint to the checkered flag, but Konetski immediately shot out to a three-car-length advantage, which he maintained to the checkered flag. Jung finished a strong second and Prunty came home third, while Andrew Morrissey and Dave Feiler rounded out the top five.

Wes Biswell led wire to wire to win the 25-lap Midwest modified feature. Biswell started on the pole and quickly moved out front, while some hard racing behind him was settled by lap 10 with Steve Schulz taking second. But



Austin Konetski won Sunday's feature for late models at Slinger Speedway.

(John Kozy photo)

when Jason Feyereisen worked into a battle with Schulz they tangled on lap 22, sending both to the rear for the restart and moving Dale Prunty into second. Prunty looked both high and low but could not pose a challenge as Biswell raced to the win. Steve Huelsbeck finished third, Ron Schmitt crossed the stripe fourth and Russ Grade rounded out the top five.

Rains then washed out the Midwest Sportsman feature, along with the spectator eliminator races and figure-8 event. Rick Schaefer won the 12-lap Thunderstock feature over Mark Kissinger and Ryan DeStefano, and Ryan Zielski and Andy Soine each won a Slinger Bees event before the heavy rains forced an early end to the evening.

On Sunday night, July 3, Slinger Super Speedway will present a ground and aerial fireworks display and a 75-lap late model feature along with the regular Sunday program, plus

the Midwest Sportsman Championship Series. Gates open at 4:45 pm, qualifying is at 5:15, and racing starts at 7 pm. The program's rain date is Monday night, July 4. For more information, contact the Speedway's public relations department at (262) 370-0440 or the track office at (262) 644-5921.

RESULTS

LATE MODELS

Feature: Austin Konetski, Janesville; Dan Jung, Iron

Rains Ruin Eldora Program

ROSSBURG, OH, June 25 -- Just as the gates were set to swing open Saturday night at Eldora Speedway, an unexpected thunderstorm swept through the area with enough intensity to cancel the scheduled invasion of the All Star Sprint Series.

Eldora will now sit idle until the Kings Royal weekend on July 15-16. Plans for salute the retiring Kenny Jacobs have been moved to Thursday night, August 4, when the All Star sprints return.

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Schlaffer Takes Huge Step Toward Record with MSA Win at Plymouth

by Staci Abrahamson

PLYMOUTH, WI, June 25 -- It was another record-setting night out at Plymouth Dirt Track on Saturday, with the car count continuing to increase as the season progresses.

Sprint car action included a special appearance by the Milwaukee Stock Car Association vintage cars. Altogether there were 40 sprint cars competing in four heats, two B-mains and one very exciting A-main. In the A-main track points leader Danny Schlaffer picked up his 61st win in sprint cars; he now trails K.J. Skelton by one race on the all-time MSA win list. Skelton finished second, and Troy Wondra finished third.

In late model action Al Atkinson took off and grabbed the win for his second feature checkered flag this season. Scott Cramer finished second.

Ben Schmidt picked up his first win at PDT by winning the Grand National A-main. Brad Lubach ran a good race and finished second, followed by Scott Sohrwiede.

Josh Long won the outlaw compacts A-main over his father Scott Long. Corey Edler came in third.

The vintage cars competed in one heat and one 15-lap A-main. George Shields won the heat, and Bill Behm won the A-main on a very slick track.

The IRA sprints will visit Plymouth next week, with the Grand Nationals competing in a full program and the Outlaw Compacts running an A-main. The track's mid-season championship night is on July 9.

RESULTS

SPRINTS

A-Main: Danny Schlaffer, Sussex; K.J. Skelton, Cascade; Troy Wondra, Lomira; Troy Hepner, Hartford; Troy Maas; Waldo; Scott Sippel, Elkhart Lake; Tim Haddy, Lomira; Michael Emme, Manitowoc; Lance



Brian Kristan (5k) and Dale Bodden (52) run side by side in 360 sprint action at Plymouth on Saturday night. (Rob Eisentraut photo)



Chris Wiser took this wild ride in sprint action Saturday at PDT. Wiser walked away unharmed. (Rob Eisentraut photo)

Fassbender, Burnette; Kurt Davis,

A-Main: Al Atkinson, Milwaukee; Scott Cramer, Random Lake; Scott Specht, Sheboygan Falls; Todd Jensema,

LATE MODELS



Charlie Schmidt (22) and Todd Jensema (89) battle for position in late model action Saturday night at the Sheboygan County Fair Park. (Rob Eisentraut photo)



In Saturday's late model A-main, Al Atkinson (29) tries the outside against Jason Scharenbrock (57). (Mike Spitzer photo)

Sheboygan Falls; John Scharenbroch, Sheboygan Falls; Mark Zimmermann, Kohler; Dan Sorce, Franklin; Jim Schmidt, Cleveland; Lonnie Hoeft, Horicon; Henry Dickmann, Sheboygan.

GRAND NATIONALS

A-Main: Ben Schmidt; Brad Lubach, Elkhart Lake; Scott Sohrwiede, Chilton; Jeremy Sauter, Random Lake; Brett Wenzel, Two Rivers; Brian Genske, Cleveland; Doug

Teunissen, Sheboygan Falls; Matt Yancey, Sheboygan; Dean Horneck, Kiel; Scott Haupt, Belgium.

OUTLAW COMPACTS

A-Main: Josh Long, Waldo; Scott Long, Waldo; Corey Edler, Cascade; Jay Riemer, Kohler; Jason Juech; Justin Blackburn; Tammy Dickmann-Flunker, Sheboygan; Nate Struve; Seth Schwuchert, Sheboygan; Travis Moehring.

Eswein, Knoblock, Bennish Take Home Marshfield Mid-Season Checkers

by Mae Schultz

MARSHFIELD, WI, June 25 -- Multiple cautions led to some unpredictable racing Saturday night at Marshfield Super Speedway, but Mark Eswein, Neil Knoblock, Bo Bennish and David Knauf pulled out feature wins.

In the super late model feature, Jay VanDerGeest guarded his first-place spot as Rick Grunden won an early battle with Kyle Davis for second. Jeff Weinfurter then snuck to the front, stealing second with 20 laps to go. After an accident involving Blake Horstman and Grunden, Eswein found himself in the top three, and with 13 laps to go VanDerGeest got loose, giving Eswein the opportunity to shoot ahead and hold the lead until the checkered flag flew. Eugene Gregorich finished second, Weinfurter was third, Ben Pettis took fourth, and Elliot Weiler finished fifth.

Knoblock set the fast qualifying time and took the limited late model feature win. However, it took him ten laps to move from his seventh-place start and pressure Darin Seubert, Derek Dombeck and Justin Switlick with 30 laps to go. With 17 laps left Knoblock overtook Seubert on the outside to take the lead, and Switlick took second by passing Seubert on the outside with 11 laps left. Knoblock won his fifth win in the series, while



Mark Eswein (71) trails Jeff Wienfurter (3) and Jay Vanderveest (23) during Saturday's super late model feature at Marshfield Super Speedway. (D's Racing Imagery photo)

Switlick pulled out second, Seubert third, Jeremy Switlick fourth and Kyle Bauknecht fifth.

An accident in the super stock feature caused some ruffled feathers and surprising finishes. The race started out with Bennish taking the lead early, while Andy Simonis charged from a seventh-place start to take second by lap 2. Behind them Travis Zvolena, who started tenth, took third with 17 laps to go, then moved inside to race three-wide for the lead. The move caused an accident and a caution, and it put Zvolena to the back of the field, as track rules state that a driver cannot create a three-wide race from the inside. Due to the move, Simonis hit the wall and dropped out of the race. Bennish, who came out of the accident unscathed, won the race, with fast qualifier Wes Coon second, Brian Weinfurter third, Randy Meyer fourth and Matt Cournoyer fifth.

The one-man cruiser feature started out with Tim Dickman passing leader Greg Firkus on the outside groove in lap 1. With seven laps to go Cody Meyer, Knauf and Dickman made it a three-wide race, and Meyer prevailed, but with six laps to go Knauf went around Meyer to grab the lead. With four laps to go Dickman got sideways to cause a caution, after which Knauf kept the lead to win the race, with Meyer, who also set the fast

time, second. Dickman was third over Greg Firkus.

The super late model mid-season points champ was Eswein, while in the limited lates Knoblock was the top man. In the super stocks Bennish took top honors, and Knauf took first in the cruisers. Mid-season trophies were awarded to the top three in each division based on points earned on the night from qualifying, heat races and features.

On Saturday, July 2, the Marshfield Super Speedway will hold its "Eve of Destruction" events, featuring Cody Cavanaugh, a jet car smoke-and-flame show, fireworks, trailer racing, a burnout contest, a relay race, forward-backward races and more. Pits open at 3:30 pm, stands open at 5, and the show starts at 7 pm. In the event of rain, the program will be run on Sunday, with all start times two hours earlier. Marshfield Super Speedway is located 3.5 miles west of Marshfield on County Road H.

RESULTS

SUPER LATE MODELS

Qualifying: Mark Eswein, 17.803 secs.

Heat 1: Pete Kempf, Jay Vanderveest, Eugene Gregorich, Jr.

Heat 2: Blake Horstman, Jeff Weinfurter, Eswein.

Feature: Eswein, Gregorich, Weinfurter, Ben Pettis, Elliott Weiler, Neil Knoblock, Kempf, Derek Gress, John Frazier, Kyle Davis.

SUPER STOCKS

Qualifying: Wes Coon, 20.047 secs.

Heat: Bo Bennish, Andy Simonis, Brian Weinfurter.

Feature: Bennish, Coon, Weinfurter, Randy Meyer, Matt Cournoyer, Matt Raykowski, Scott Simons, Randy Emmerich, Simons, Travis Zvolena.

LIMITED LATE MODELS

Qualifying: Neil Knoblock, 19.292 secs.

Heat 1: Jeremy Switlick, Joey Benson, Joel Soenksen.

Heat 2: Justin Switlick, Beau Sanden, Kyle Bauknecht.

Feature: Knoblock, Justin Switlick, Darin Seubert, Jeremy Switlick, Bauknecht, Sanden, Benson, Rick Hetzel, Tom McClintock, Soenksen.

ONE-MAN CRUISERS

Qualifying: Cody Meyer, 23.430 secs.

Heat: David Knauf, Greg Firkus, Meyer.

Feature: Knauf, Meyer, Tim Dickman, Firkus.

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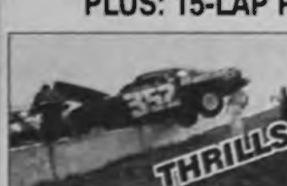
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Czarapata Collects First Win in Powercom Park Mod Main

by Dennis Thompson

BEAVER DAM, WI, June 25 -- Brandon Czarapata of Kaukauna picked up his first win of the season in the 20-lap modified A-main at The Raceway at Powercom Park on Saturday night.

John Stanton grabbed the lead at the start, but Czarapata quickly moved up from the third row and challenged Stanton. The first caution of the event occurred on lap 2 for an incident involving Chris Piquette and Marc Caswell, and after the restart Czarapata quickly took the top spot on lap 3. A red flag then halted the race when Dan Tafelski rolled his ride while trying to avoid a slowing car. Back under green, Brian Crapser got by Czarapata on lap 6 and ran out in front until lap 13, when he crashed. Czarapata inherited the lead and this time stayed out front the rest of the way for the victory. Andy Voigt moved up from the fifth row to finish in second, Rick Strommen had his best finish of the season by taking third, Steve Mueller picked his way through traffic to finish fourth, and Eddie Lemay, Jr., came from the eighth row to place fifth and take over the points lead.

Roger Lee of Wind Lake cruised to his third win of the season in the 20-lap Grand Nationals A-main. Dan Schumacher ran near the front throughout the event to finish second, Don Sorce, Jr., moved up from the fifth row to cross the line third, Nathan Persha drove to fourth and Dave Gorni was fifth.

The stocks' 20-lap A-main was one of the most exciting events of the evening. Jeff Link led for the first three laps before giving way to Mike Murray. Chuck Hummelmeier then pressured Murray, and the two engaged in a fierce battle for the lead, with Murray running high while Hummelmeier worked the inside. Hummelmeier finally nosed ahead of Murray on lap 16, but Murray regained the lead one lap later before Hummelmeier once again forged out front on lap 18 and stayed out in front to record his first win of the season. Hummelmeier, of Friesland, is the fifth different winner in the five events run so far this season for the division. Jasper Drentler followed Hummelmeier and Murray



Roger Lee (10) passes Nathan Persha (25) to take the lead en route to winning the Grand National feature Saturday at Powercom Park.

(Bob Cruse photo)



Jon Schultz (11x) passes Eddie LeMay III (15) to take the lead and win the Dirt Devil feature.

(Bob Cruse photo)



across the line to take third, Matt Bedker drove to fourth, and Dan Troyan was fifth.

George Giesen grabbed the lead at the start of the Legends 20-lap A-main, but Joel Wytenbach charged from the fifth row to take the lead on lap 2. The first caution of the event came out for a Steve Boelter spin, after which Aaron Rake, who also started in the fifth row, eventually won a battle with Warren Ropp for second. Rake then reeled in Wytenbach but could not pull off a move to take over the top spot. With one lap remaining Dan Neuman and Phil Van Tatenhove tangled to bring out the caution, and in the dash to the finish Rake dove inside on Wytenbach. Rake, of Beaver Dam, crossed the line first to score his second win of the season. Ropp followed Rake and Wytenbach across the line to take third, and Keith Moline drove to fourth ahead of Kevin Brill.

Jon Schultz of Belleville came from far back in the pack to race to

victory in the 20-lap Dirt Devil A-main. Tim Draheim finished a close second, and Schultz and Draheim are now tied for the lead in the division's points standings. Josh Schmitt also moved up well to finish in third, Aaron Stolp was fourth, and Dustin Schwandt came across the line fifth. Nick Firari rolled his ride on lap 7.

RESULTS

MODIFIEDS

A-Main: Brandon Czarapata, Andy Voigt, Rick Strommen, Steve Mueller, Eddie Lemay Jr., Larry Zirbel, Dennis Krause, Bruce Horst, Chris Piquette, Scott Magsamen.

B-Main Winners: Lemay, Rob Schmid. Heat Winners: Strommen, John Stanton, Magsamen, Horst, Czarapata.

GRAND NATIONALS

A-Main: Roger Lee, Dan Schumacher, Don Sorce, Jr., Nathan Persha, Dave Gorni, Steve Seitz, Tommy Moore, Russ Davison, Curt Beek, Kevin Rank.

Heat Winners: Seitz, Lee.

STOCKS

A-Main: Chuck Hummelmeier, Mike Murray, Jasper Drentler, Matt Bedker, Dan Troyan, F.W. Formiller, Don Vander Galien, Mike Nehmer, Tim Montonati, Eric Grunst.

Heat Winners: Hummelmeier, Vander Galien.

DIRT LEGENDS

A-Main: Aaron Rake, Joel Wytenbach, Warren Ropp, Keith Moline, Kevin Brill, Joe Surprise, Greg Hartlaub, George Giesen, Bethany Wytenbach, Darwin Barnes.

Heat Winners: Adam Reed, Rake.

DIRT DEVILS

Dave Hochschild got a little too wild in turn 3 in his modified heat race Saturday night at Powercom Park. No injuries were reported.

(Rich photos)

A-Main: Jon Schultz, Tim Draheim, Josh Schmitt, Aaron Stolp, Dustin Schwandt, Jeremy Schwoch, Roger Frank, Scott Baake, Tim Sheppard, Mike Klawitter.

B-Main: Schultz.

Heat Winners: Mike Mueller, Stolp, Frank.

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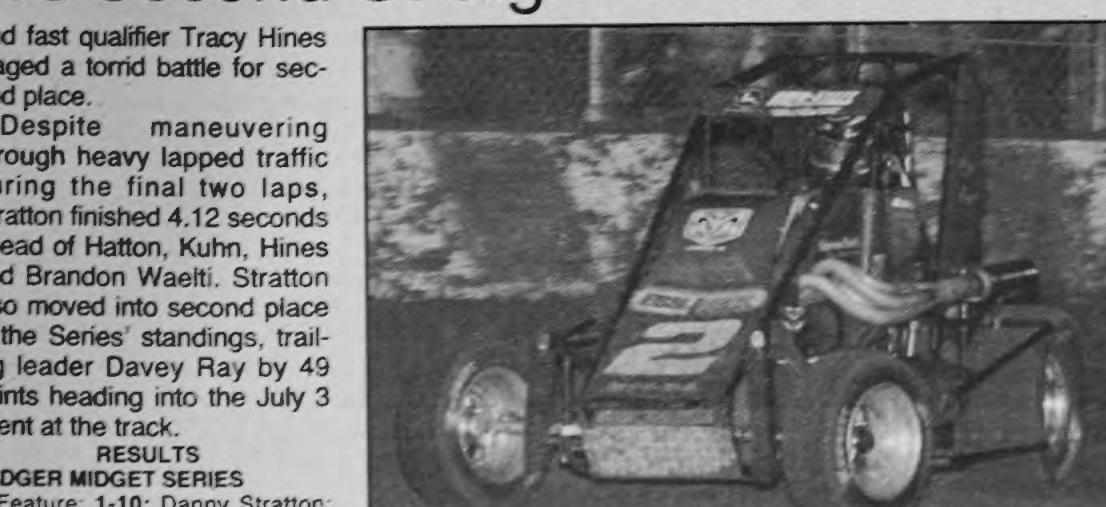
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Danny Stratton, driving Hans Lein's midget, captured his third Badger Midget Series feature win in four races by leading wire to wire Sunday, June 26, at Angell Park Speedway in Sun Prairie, WI. (Bob Cruse photo)

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Rain Shortens Mid-Season Championships at Jefferson Speedway

by Larry & Jeanne Starr

JEFFERSON, WI, June 25 -- Luke Westenberg of Watertown claimed the rain-shortened late model feature Saturday night at Jefferson Speedway, during the track's mid-season championships.

Bret Schmidt charged to the early lead, but Westenberg overtook Schmidt on lap 4 to claim the point. A caution came on lap 30 for a spin, and one lap after the restart the rain started, completing racing for the night. The scheduled 50-lapper was declared complete at 30 laps, with Westenberg at the point ahead of Chris Quam, John Ovadal, Tim Noble and Dylan Schuyler.

In Sportsman action Mark DePorter of Fort Atkinson notched the win in the 35-lap main event. Brent Gergen led the way for the first 16 laps before surrendering the point to Dan Schmidt, with DePorter up to third. A blown engine brought out the first caution of the race, with DePorter running second to Schmidt, and on the restart DePorter battled inside on Schmidt for five laps before making the winning pass on lap 28. At the stripe DePorter was followed by Jason Thoma, Schmidt, Kyle Taylor and Scott Riedner.

Mark English claimed victory in the 20-lap International feature. Mike Hoppe led until lap 2, when Michelle Heimann drove to the front. English motored past Heimann on lap 3 and guided the way from there to the



Luke Westenberg of Watertown (16) passes Bret Schmidt of Watertown (20) on his way to winning the rain-shortened late model feature Saturday night at Jefferson Speedway.

checkers, followed by Scotty Hoeft, Chris Chenoweth, Bill Sweeney and Brandon Kozak.

The hobby stock and Bandit division features were postponed due to the rain. Both divisions will run double features on Saturday, July 2, when Jefferson Speedway will also hold a 50-lap late model feature, stock car rides for the kids, Big Wheel races, and a fireworks display. In order to allow time for the program, start times have been adjusted. Gates open at 1 pm, qualifying is at 3:30 and racing starts at 7 pm. Jefferson Speedway is halfway between Cambridge and Jefferson on Highway 18.

RESULTS

LATE MODELS

Feature: Luke Westenberg, Watertown; Chris Quam, Stoughton; John Ovadal; Tim Noble, Janesville; Dylan Schuyler; Steve Dobbratz, Rio; Chad Stevens, Orfordville;

Doug Hahn, Whitewater; Jason Erickson, Lake Mills; Roger Behlke.

Fast Qualifier: Erickson, 14.275 secs.

Dash: Ken Olson, Fort Atkinson.

Last Chance: Matt Frey; Allen Petrie, Jr.; Tim Petrie.

Heat Winners: Noel Ramage; Behlke; Chris Koepke.

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

Feature: Mark English; Scotty Hoeft, Watertown; Chris Chenoweth, Watertown; Bill Sweeney, Janesville; Brandon Kozak, Whitewater; Joe Cross, Sun Prairie.

Fast Qualifier: Chris Nelson, Cottage Grove, 16.530 secs.

Dash: Nelson.

Heat: Hoeft.

SPORTSMAN DIVISION

Feature: Mark DePorter, Fort Atkinson; Jason Thoma; Dan Schmidt, Watertown; Kyle Taylor, Stoughton; Scott Riedner, Waunakee; Jay Kalbus, Watertown.

Fast Qualifier: Thoma, 15.229 secs.

Dash: Curt Thompson, Fort Atkinson.

Heat Winners: Brent Gergen; Tom Reents.

HOBBY STOCKS



Mark Deporter of Fort Atkinson (28) topped the sportsman main event June 25 at Jefferson Speedway.



Janesville's Mark English (57) was best in the International class feature race Saturday at Jefferson Speedway.

(Jefferson Speedway/H&H photos)

Robinson; Au.

BANDITS

Feature: postponed until July 2.

Fast Qualifier: Bryon Grassl, Janesville,

16.678 secs.

Dash: Ken Au, Jefferson.

Last Chance: William Stephenson; Dan Gosda; Nick Newton.

Heat Winners: Randy Strasburg; Jim

Shaun Scheel; Tyler White.

Mother Nature Shortens Columbus 151 Program

by Jim Remsik

COLUMBUS, WI, June 24 -- The sky was ominous and the forecast bleak, and when the rains came after intermission the racing program Friday night at Columbus 151 Speedway was considered complete. The hobby stock, street stock and late model features not completed will be made up at the start of this Friday's show.

Ryan DeStefano topped the sole feature of the evening, run in the Bandit division. Dustin Ostberg had the early lead while Rory Padfield made the leap from sixth to battle Andy Bauer for second. Ryan DeStefano took advantage of an empty outside groove and wrestled the lead from Ostberg on lap 15 and held off points leader Brian Johnson for the win. Ostberg, Padfield and Tina Remsik completed the top five.

Doug Pashrig grabbed the early lead of the hobby stock feature and held it through a caution and up until the rains came.

On Friday, July 1, the postponed features will be run, along with the annual "Cherry Bomb 50" late model feature, blindfold races, a 30-lap street stock feature and a 25-lap hobby stock feature. On Friday, July 8, the track will hold another 50-lap late model feature, a rollover contest, and a toy toss at intermission.

RESULTS

LATE MODELS Qualifying: John Wasserberger, 13.449 secs.

Heat 1: Tyler James, Delbert Desjarlais, Tim Woollen.

Heat 2: Rob Retallick, Andy Wendt, Jim Syrud.

Feature: ppd to July 1.

STREET STOCKS

Qualifying: Kevin Anderson, 14.168 secs.

Heat 1: Bobby Bishopberger, Grant Lindner, Dustin Ward.

Feature: ppd to July 1.

HOBBY STOCKS

Qualifying: Jim Tate, Jr., 15.269 secs.

Heat 1: Nick Newton, Alan Dorn, Travis Schneeberg.

Heat 2: Andy Raley, Dan Gosda, Larry Moen.

Feature: ppd to July 1.

BANDITS

Qualifying: Bryan Johnson, 16.133 secs.

Slow Heat: Ben Reuter, Andrew Okrasinski, Brittany Boyce.

Fast Heat 1: Tyler Kelley, Dustin Ostberg, Ashley Smith.

Fast Heat 2: Ryan Oetzel, Johnson, Rory Padfield.

Semi-Feature: Okrasinski, Reuter, Oetzel.

Feature: Ryan Destefano, Johnson, Ostberg, Padfield, Tina Remsik, Zach Durham, Ryan Hart, Andrew Bauer, Rodney Mundt, Smith.

Check Charges to Another Sands SLM Victory

by Jeffrey Sachse

PLOVER, WI, June 24 -- Being in the right place at the right time, coupled with a solid pace, gave Allen Check his third super late model feature win of the season at Golden Sands Speedway Friday night, after a light rain delayed the start of the program 30 minutes.

Jeff Weinfurter gained the upper hand at the race's start, as Check, the evening's fast qualifier, moved quickly into the top five. The exhaust of Melvin Zehr, a 14-year-old visitor from Florida, fell off his car, resulting in a caution, and when the race resumed Troy Nelson slipped up the raceway, allowing Mark Eswein to climb into second on lap 7.

Another slide by Nelson elevated Check to third. The battle for the lead ended when Weinfurter and Eswein bumped and Weinfurter spun, giving Check the lead for the restart on lap 15, and he extended it over the next 15 laps to a cushion of ten car-lengths. Over the final ten laps Joe Krzykowski closed the gap on Check but he was unable to mount a serious challenge, as Check took the victory by three car-lengths. Keith Bohmsach drove a steady race to reach third, Frank Nitzke clawed his way into fourth and Nelson completed the top five.

In super stock action, Randy Storlie scored his first feature win of the season after fending off Tim Zuehlke and Galen Manternatch. On the green flag Storlie immediately worked past Roger Stanczyk for the lead as Zuehlke rumbled into sec-

ond. A Dan Braun spin slowed the pace on lap 4, after which Brian Schmutzler secured third by lap 10. After the halfway point Manternatch switched to the high groove and worked into third, but Storlie separated himself a bit from the field and accepted the checkered flag by six car-lengths, over Zuehlke, Manternatch, Brian Weinfurter and points leader Tim Plowman.

In four-cylinder action Ricky Brandl nearly scored a clean sweep, setting fast time and winning the feature. Jousha Opper held the point for most of the first half of the contest, while Brandl and points leader Dale Robinson worked into second and third by lap 8. Opper fell to Brandl's charge with a pair of laps to go, and Robinson followed Brandl to second but ran out of time to challenge as Brandl drove to the victory by three car-lengths. Opper drove a fine race to finish third, followed by Matt Hansen and Casey Koback.

The evening concluded with a trio of two-man cruiser events, captured by the teams of Adams and Omernik, Kuhn and Michaels, and points leaders Wierzbka and Wierzbka.

On Friday night, July 1, a large fireworks display will take place at the conclusion of the evening's racing program, which will feature super late models, super stocks and pure stocks. Activities begin with time trials at 6:30 pm and the first race at 7:45. Golden Sands Speedway is located between Wisconsin Rapids and Plover on Highway 54. For additional information, please call (715) 423-4660.

RESULTS

SUPER LATE MODELS

Feature: Allen Check; Joe Krzykowski; Keith Bohmsach; Frank Nitzke; Troy Nelson; Brandon Selle; Blake Horstman; Mark Eswein; Melvin Zehr; Mark Mackesy.

Semi-Feature: Burton Brown; Jason Weinkauf; Mark Van.

Heat 1: Casey Chase; Brown; Wayne Mackesy

Heat 2: Bohmsach; J. Weinkauf; Pat Williams

Heat 3: M. Mackesy; Frank Nitzke; Eswein

Fast Qualifier: Check, 12.025 secs.

SUPER STOCKS

Feature: Randy Storlie; Tim Zuehlke; Galen Manternatch; Brian Weinfurter; Tim Plowman; Brian Schmutzler; Collin Wilcott; Scott Hamel; Mike Brooks; Wes Coon.

Semi-Feature: Ken Soyka; Dan Braun; Chris Brooks.

Heat 1: Denny Crass; Ken Soyka; Matt Osowski.

Heat 2: Storlie; Schmutzler; M. Brooks.

Heat 3: Wally Kallman; Manternatch; Weinfurter.

Fast Qualifier: Coon, 13.266 secs.

FOUR-CYLINDERS

Feature: Ricky Brandl; Dale Robinson; Jousha Opper; Matt Hansen; Casey Koback; Kevin Teske.

Heat 1: Opper; Teske; Hansen.

Heat 2: Dallas Kralovetz; Brandl; Brandon Polansky.

Fast Qualifier: Brandl, 15.210 secs.

TWO-MAN CRUISERS

Feature 1: Adams & Omernik; Green & Wheelock; Kelley & Resheske; Mangen & Mancheski; Fischer & Floistad.

Feature 2: Kuhn & Michaels; Wellner & Bauer; McDonald & McDonald; Kaeihler & Johnson; Bohm & Lepak.

Feature 3: Wierzbka & Wierzbka; Kuhn & Van Setudem; Floistad & Floistad; Ciesebski & Ciesebski; Kawlewski & Clark.

Kaiser, Seegmiller Take Farley Wins Before Rains Come

FARLEY, IA, June 24 --

Weekly racing got partly in the books under threatening skies

Friday night at the Farley Speedway.

Travis Kaiser picked up his first win ever in the hobby stock feature. Kaiser took the lead on lap 1 from outside on the front row and drove flaw-

lessly to the checkers. Jarris Eastlick finished second while holding off Jerry Merkes.

Jacob Seegmiller made it three in a row by using the high side to pass race leader Jaime Rice on lap 6 and marched on to win the B-mod feature. Jeremy English finished second, with Shawn

Thomas, Sr., third.

Limited stock feature action saw Kelly Welter take back-to-back wins. Welter made the winning pass of Denny Uldenhofen on lap 5. Jeff Willis finished second, with Jaime Neuhaus third.

Jena Barthelmes rocketed from her mid-pack starting position in the Farley Flyers feature to take the lead away from early leader Dustin Wilwert on lap 3, then drove to an impressive win. A few cautions bunched the field behind Barthelmes, but she easily pulled away from the field. Pole starter Wilwert finished second, with hard-charging John Flury settling for third.

Just as the late models were lining up for the feature, a downpour hit the Speedway

and halted racing action for the night. The modified feature will be made up on July 1, while the pro stock and late model features will be made up on July 8. Hot laps start at 7 pm with racing to follow at 7:30.

RESULTS

STOCK CARS

Feature: Travis Kaiser, Jarvis Eastlick, Jerry Merkes, Ed McIntyre, Luke Goedert, Tom Turpin, Kelly Welter, Joe Dirks, Jon Gobrecht, Jason Rauer.

B-MODS

Feature: Jacob Seegmiller, Jeremy English, Shawn Thomas, Jed Freidburger, Jaime Rice, Kenny Boyes, Damien Miller.

LIMITED STOCKS

Feature: Kelly Welter, Jeff Willis, Jaime Neuhaus, Denny Uldenhofen.

FARLEY FLYERS

Feature: Jenna Barthelmes, Dustin Wilwert, John Flury, Brian Tschiggfrie, Dave Fangman, Lenny Ollendick, Jeff Willis, Charlie Nestey, Chad Post, Roger Gaul.

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Bennett, Carlson, Frisch, Mayberry Win at Rockford

by Kevin Ramsell

LOVES PARK, IL, June 22 -- Mid-week racing excitement returned Wednesday night to the Rockford Speedway.

Doug Bennett started on outside on the second row in the 25-lap Grand National feature and fought to hold off Matt Lundberg for the top spot for the entire event. Lundberg gave it one last shot coming off of turn 4 on the final lap, but Bennett went on to his first feature win of the season.

In the RoadRunner 20-lap feature Dan Carlson again visited victory lane. Dennis Smith, Jr., took the early lead from the pole, but Carlson, who started tenth, was up to sixth by lap 3, and by lap 7 he was up to second. The first caution came on lap 12 when Chad Smith and Randy VonHaden got together, causing Derek Nichol to spin, and on lap 14 Tom Flippo made contact with Gene Marocco, causing Marocco to make hard contact twice with the turn 1 wall. With two laps to go Carlson got inside on Smith to take over the top spot and went on to the win. Smith held on to second with Wanda Dobbs third and points leader Dave Lignell fourth.

Latasha Hillary took the early lead in the first 15-lap Winged Women on Wheels feature and held on until lap 3, when Shonna Frisch went inside on Hillary to take over the top spot. On lap 8 Sherry Dillavou went inside to pass Hillary and they made hard contact. Hillary was taken to a local hospital for precautionary treatment, but she was alert and waved to the crowd as she went into the ambulance. Frisch then led from the restart to the checkered flag to win.

In the second WWoW feature, Amy Flippo took the early lead and never looked back to the win, with Dillavou in second. Frisch moved up from an eighth-place start to finish third and took the overall division win.

Jack Mayberry took home his second feature win in the figure-8 division. Mayberry took the lead on lap 2 from Jerry Mesch and held on. Chris Gantz tried to get past Mayberry on the last lap but made contact with Mayberry, causing him to spin. As per track rules, Mayberry was credited with win.

RESULTS

NASCAR GRAND NATIONALS

A-Main: Doug Bennett, Brodhead, WI; Matt Lundberg, Rockford; Fred Nason, Roscoe; Travis Eldridge, South Beloit; Darrell Garman, Machesney Park; Brandon Eash, Rockford; Brock Behnke, Poplar Grove; Deanna Hurd, Rochelle.

Heat: Bennett; Lundberg; Nason.

NATIONAL FIGURE-8 LEAGUE

A-Main: Jack Mayberry, Rockford; Jerry Mesch, Rockford; Jonathan Stoltz, Rockford; Robert Stoltz, Rockford; Chris Gantz, Rockford.

NASCAR ROADRUNNERS

A-Main: Dan Carlson, Rockford; Dennis Smith, Jr., Beloit, WI; Wanda Dobbs, Rockton; David Lignell, Rockford; Pat Smith, Loves Park; Dan Sander, Rockton; Bradley Bark, Machesney Park; Shawn Ogden, Roscoe; Derek Nichol, Roscoe; Tom Flippo, Jr., Byron.

Heat 1: D. Smith; Ben Reid,

Pecatonica; Cory Teran, Machesney Park.

Heat 2: Flippo; Randy VonHaden, Rockford; Bark.

Heat 3: Chad Smith, Poplar Grove; Sander; Dobbs.

Dash: Ricky Nielsen, Rockford; P. Smith; Ogden.

Challenge: P. Smith; Jerry Mesch, Rockford; Jerry Jackson, Machesney Park.

WINGED WOMEN ON WHEELS

Overall: Shonna Frisch, Beloit, WI; Sherri Dillavou, Rockford; Jennifer Erickson, Rockford; Cindy Martindale, Machesney Park; Amy Flippo, Rockford; Candace Schultz, Roscoe; Linnea Weerda, Rockford; DeAnna Parker, Loves Park; Vachenzia Jester, Beloit, WI; Tammy Hawkins, Machesney Park.

Heat 1: Frisch; Jester; Martindale.

Heat 2: Flippo; Dillavou; Frisch.

DIRT Fines Bloomquist \$20K

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO -- DIRT MotorSports' disciplinary panel reviewed Scott Bloomquist's non-participation in four of the last five World Of Outlaws Late Model Series events and, after extensive consideration, issued Bloomquist a fine of \$5,000 for each race missed - a total of \$20,000 - and placed him on probation for the remainder of the 2005 racing season.

Bloomquist has the right to appeal the decision.

Anvelink Wins Third Late Model Feature at Shawano Speedway

by Bert Lehman

SHAWANO, WI, June 25 -- A strong field of cars greeted fans at the Shawano Speedway Saturday night, and Nick Anvelink won his third late model feature of the year.

Cody Grosskruetz paced the field for the first lap before Gordie Seegert quickly took the lead from him on lap 2. Seegert led through lap 4 before pulling into the pits, giving the lead to Tim Buhler, who had a slight lead over Ron Berna. Anvelink grabbed second just before half the race was in the books and gained on Buhler over the next several laps before grabbing the lead with seven laps remaining. A.J. Diemel then raced Buhler side by side before taking over second, and Berna also got by Buhler, but Anvelink cruised to the victory.

In the modified feature, Tom Schaal jumped out to the quick lead before a caution on lap 3 slowed the action. Eric Scribner moved up to second

a few laps after the restart and then into the lead, while Jeremie Hedrick, who started the race in the last spot, was in the top five halfway through the race. Following Hedrick continued to charge to the front, grabbing second with five laps remaining and pressuring Scribner for the lead before pulling alongside him with three laps remaining. Hedrick made the pass stick and pulled away for his second victory this season. After the race, Hedrick had his motor claimed by Joe Haferkorn, and the claim was accepted.

Mike Ashenbrenner took the early lead in the stock car feature as Rod Snellenberger quickly moved into second. Snellenberger then grabbed the lead on lap 4, while Brian Bruechert took second just before the halfway point of the race. When the checkered flag flew, it was Snellenberger crossing the line first for his second victory of the season.

In the limited late model feature, Aaron Wickersheim

The Checkered Flag Racing News

by Kevin Ramsell

LOVES PARK, IL, June 25 -- Ryan Carlson, B.J. Sparkman and Jason Powers captured feature wins Saturday night at the Rockford Speedway.

Carlson grabbed his second feature win of the year in the late model division. Bill Hobson grabbed the early lead in the 30-lap event, as Carlson moved to second by lap 3. On lap 7 Ricky Bilderback got inside on Carlson to try to take second, while Carlson moved inside on Hobson, and Carlson, in the middle of the sandwich, went down the backstretch with the lead. A lap later Jerry Gille got loose and made hard contact with the wall; he was uninjured. From there Bilderback battled with Bobby Wilberg, as Carlson drove to the checkered flag. Bilderback held on to second, with Wilberg third, and Jon Reynolds, Jr., and Hobson rounded out the top five.

Sparkman made another trip to victory lane in the American Short Tracker division. Frank Bridges took the early lead, but Dave Eggert got outside on Bridges and the two battled side by side until lap 11, when Bridges was black-flagged for not choosing a lane to race in. Bridges then slowed down and was hit in the rear by Don Russell, causing Bridges to spin and creating a traffic jam. On the restart Sparkman battled with Russell for second and took the position with 14 laps to go. Then with eight laps left Sparkman got inside on Eggert to take over the top spot and went on to the win. Eggert came home second, and Jason Evans, Dave Wagner and Russell rounded out the top five.

Powers held off a hard-charging Ricky Nielsen to win the RoadRunner feature. Powers took the lead at the start, as the only caution in the event came on lap 7, when Michael Flood blew his motor. Nielsen tried to get inside on Powers in the closing laps but was unable, as Powers got to the checkers first.

Michael Bilderback took home the feature win in the Legends division. Don Shall took the early lead in the 20-lap event and stayed there until lap 9, when his son Ernie Shall took over the top spot. Bilderback started third and challenged for the lead with five laps to go, and with two laps left he used the outside line to get past Ernie Shall for the top spot. Ernie made one last attempt to get by Bilderback on the inside, but Bilderback was at the line first by half a car-length.

Mike Cooter captured the 12-lap Bandolero feature, starting on the outside and grabbing the lead right away. Kyle LaPier came home second with Brandon Allen a close third.

Nick Beinlich won the 20-lap Legacy feature. Beinlich grabbed the lead at the start and led for the entire event, but he worked hard to keep the lead from Jimmy Hanson.

Tom Miller took the early lead in the

took the early lead, but by lap 3 Jeff Curtin was pressuring Wickersheim, and he made the pass for the lead two laps later. Wickersheim faded, giving second to Luke Uttecht, while Bob Schmidt grabbed third just past midrace. Curtin pulled away from the rest of the field and cruised to his fourth victory.

RESULTS

WISSOTA LATE MODELS

Feature: Nick Anvelink, A.J. Diemel, Ron Berna, Tim Buhler, Chris Carlson, Pete Parker, Cody Grosskruetz, Troy Springborn, M.J. McBride, Randy Markwardt.

Heat 1: Mark Mitchell, Terry Casey, Anvelink.

Heat 2: Diemel, Grosskruetz, Carlson.

Heat 3: McBride, Buhler, Berna.

IMCA MODIFIEDS

Feature: Jeremie Hedrick, Eric Scribner, Eddie Muenster, Lance Arneson, Matt McDermid, Brad Rohloff, Jerry Wilinski, Tom Schaal, Wade Schutt, John Berna.

Consolation 1: Kyle Meyers, Bill Martin.

Consolation 2: Jerry Muenster, Hedrick.

Heat 1: Jamie Schmidt, Scribner, Wilinski.

Heat 2: Mike Wedelstadt, McDermid, Schutt.

Heat 3: Arneson, Berna, E. Muenster.

Heat 4: Schaal, Rohloff, Shawn Frelich.

IMCA STOCK CARS

Feature: Rod Snellenberger,

Brian Bruechert, Jeff Brehmer, Brian Karcz, Jason Czarapata, Kyle Frederick, Chas Van Ooyen, Dan Michonski, Mike Ashenbrenner, Tyler Rasmussen.

Heat 1: Rasmussen, Snellenberger, Bruechert.

Heat 2: B.J. Giese, Czarapata, Frederick.

LIMITED LATE MODELS

Feature: Jeff Curtin, Luke Uttecht, Bob Schmidt, Mike Kunschke, Aaron Wickersheim.

Heat 1: Curtin, Kunschke, Nate Yonker.

Heat 2: Rocky Miller, Schmidt, Uttecht.

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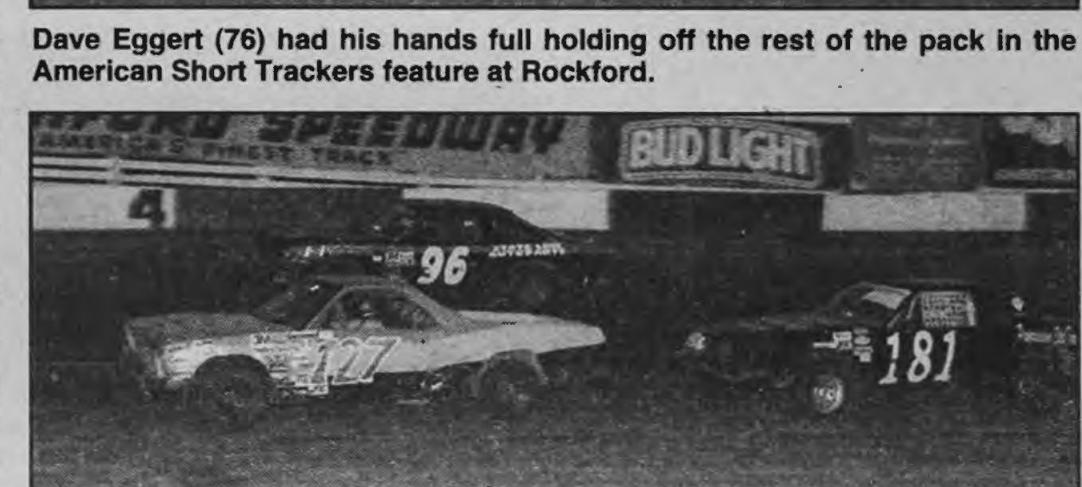
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Jonathan Stoltz (127), Robert Bielefeldt (96) and Charles Froning (181) battle in the RoadRunner feature at Rockford on Saturday night.

(Marty Langenberg photos)

25-lap super cup feature and held on until Mike Benedict raced past him. Benedict went on to take the win.

At Rockford Speedway on July 2, 3 and 4 there will be racing action every night, and each night will end with a fireworks display. For more information, call the track office at (815) 633-1500.

RESULTS

NASCAR AMERICAN SHORT TRACKERS

A-Main: B.J. Sparkman, Machesney Park; David Eggert, Loves Park; Jason Evans, Loves Park; Dave Wagner, Roscoe; Donald Russell, Loves Park; Steve Cavin, South Beloit; Scott Dolliver, Roscoe; Aaron Rude, Cambridge, WI; Tim Steger, Rockford; Jack Atchison, Stillman Valley.

Heat 1: Powers; Robert Bielefeldt, Machesney Park; Gina Davies, Janesville, WI.

Heat 2: Nichol; Pruitt; Jerry Mesch, Rockford.

Heat 3: Nielsen; Larry Dickinson II, Rockford; Long.

Heat 4: Powers; Robert Bielefeldt, Machesney Park; Gina Davies, Janesville, WI.

Heat 5: Powers; Robert Bielefeldt, Machesney Park; Gina Davies, Janesville, WI.

Heat 6: Powers; Robert Bielefeldt, Machesney Park; Gina Davies, Janesville, WI.

Heat 7: Powers; Robert Bielefeldt, Machesney Park; Gina Davies, Janesville, WI.

Heat 8: Powers; Robert Bielefeldt, Machesney Park; Gina Davies, Janesville, WI.

Heat 9: Powers; Robert Bielefeldt, Machesney Park; Gina Davies, Janesville, WI.

Heat 10: Powers; Robert Bielefeldt, Machesney Park; Gina Davies, Janesville, WI.

Heat 11: Powers; Robert Bielefeldt, Machesney Park; Gina Davies, Janesville, WI.

Heat 12: Powers; Robert Bielefeldt, Machesney Park; Gina Davies, Janesville, WI.

Heat 13: Powers; Robert Bielefeldt, Machesney Park; Gina Davies, Janesville, WI.

Heat 14: Powers; Robert Bielefeldt, Machesney Park; Gina Davies, Janesville, WI.

Heat 15: Powers; Robert Bielefeldt, Machesney Park; Gina Davies, Janesville, WI.

Heat 16:

Wallace Stays Hot, Novotny Sweeps Clean at LGR

LAKE GENEVA, WI, June 24 -- Josh Wallace of Pell Lake won the 25-lap late model feature Friday night at Lake Geneva Raceway. It was the points leader's sixth straight victory.

The race was only three laps old when Ken Johnson made contact with race leader Carrie Dygon, sending her around and collecting fast qualifier Sonny Schoffen, who slammed into the protection tire sideways. No one was injured, and after the clean-up Ralph Gentile grabbed the lead. The next caution period came on lap 7, when Paul Edmundson got turned. The next green brought Jeff Steenbergen to the front as Gentile had problems, and for the next four laps Wallace pressured the leader until lap 12, when Wallace moved by and easily took the win. Brian Ulrich nipped Steenbergen for second, Gentile recovered for fourth, and Keith Tolf was on his heels for fifth.

Kip Novotny of Johnsburg, IL, took a clean sweep in Rascal Outlaw competition by taking fast time, winning his heat and winning the 20-lap feature. It took Novotny only five laps to move from row 6 to the lead, passing John LeSage for the position and coming home the victor in the non-stop event. LeSage held on to second, Mark Findley was third, Keith Christensen fourth and Chris Bedore fifth.

Curt Thomazin of Elkhorn won his second 15-lap mini-modified feature of the season. Thomazin led lap 1 before fast timer Glen Vernezze came through the field to take the lead on lap 2. Once in front Vernezze looked like to be odds-on to win the race, but with one lap to go a lapped car got in the way, and Thomazin who was some eight car-lengths back, chose the high side and won the race, over Vernezze, Bill Trusky, Mike Van Houten and Chris Thomazin.

Steve Doherty of Woodstock, IL, won his second feature in a row in the 15-lap race for the Basic International cars. Kevin Hill darted out front before Dan Giannotti took over the front spot on lap 2. But five laps later something happened to the leader's car and he retired to the pits, and Hill moved back to the front. On lap 10 Jack Rabey became the third different leader, but with the white flag out Doherty stuck his nose piece inside on Rabey as they raced side by side for the lead. Doherty scurried home the winner, while Lenny Adams nipped Rabey for second. Hill was fourth and Andy Portzen fifth in the non-stop event.

Jeff Schultz of Salem won his first career weapons division 12-lap feature. Schultz moved in front at the drop of the green flag, while Reid Kahrs, Jr., and fast qualifier Andy Krueger chased him throughout the event. On lap 11 Schultz got wide, and Kahrs moved in front until the final lap, when Schultz came back in front three times before winning the race, over Krueger, Kahrs, Mark Tomasi and Joe Delinger in the rent-a-racer in another non-stop event.

Todd Ross of Wadsworth, IL, won the 12-lap Midwest sport truck feature. Vincent Merry, in the Dale Gustum truck, led the first half of the race before Todd Ross moved in front for the win. Tom Ross nipped Merry for second, with Gary Johnson next and Bob Ross fifth.

On Friday night the INEX legends and bandoleros return, along with the late models, BICS and the sport trucks. Time trials begin at 6 pm, with races at 7:30.

RESULTS

BASIC INT'L CARS

A-Main: Steve Doherty, Woodstock, IL; Lenny Adams, Crystal Lake, IL; Jack Rabey, Lake Villa, IL; Kevin Hill, McHenry, IL; Andy Portzen, Burlington; Rod Brossart, Fox Lake, IL; Tom Homan, Antioch, IL; Ashleigh Kitterman, Burlington; Pete Koenig, Richmond, IL; Leo Bujak, Spring Grove, IL.

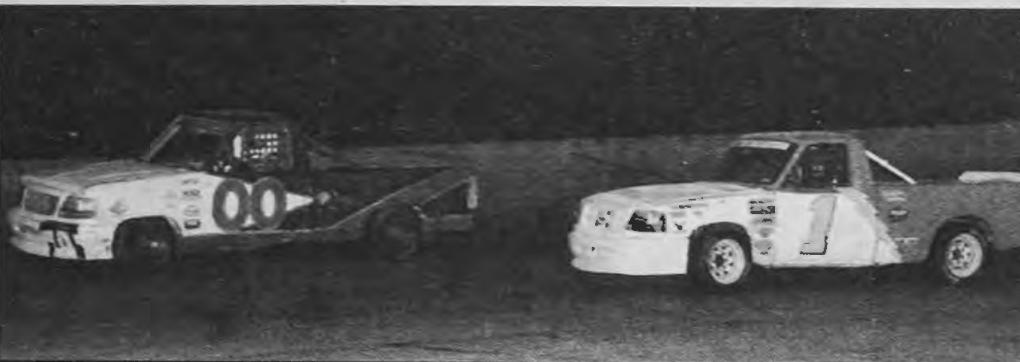
B-Main 1: Ken Causey, Elkhorn; Bill Urban,



Josh Wallace (8) passes Jeff Steenbergen on his way to yet another late model feature win Friday at Lake Geneva Raceway.



The wolves were ganging up on Bob Koch (3), as the field goes four-wide behind him in BIC dash action.



Eventual winner Todd Ross (00) leads Tom Ross (1) during Friday's sport truck feature at LGR.



The Weapons feature had a great battle between winner Jeff Schultz (74) and Andy Krueger (22). Here, the pair take the checkers with Schultz prevailing for the win.



Steve Doherty (outside) passes Jack Rabey (48r) for the lead and victory in the BIC feature at 'Geneva on Friday.' (Mark Melchiori photos)

Twin Lakes: Amanda Wolfe, Burlington.
B-Main 2: Dustin Richards, Kenosha; Nick Henning: Wes Schultz, Wonder Lake, IL.
Heat 1: Urban; Schultz; Jeffrey Carlton, McHenry, IL.
Heat 2: Kevin Lynn, Genoa City; Bryan Talbert, Kenosha; Robert Palka, Pell Lake.
Heat 3: Hill; Brossart; Portzen.
Time Trial: Bob Koch, McHenry, IL.
Trophy Dash: Koch; Dan Giannotti, Bristol; Doherty.

LATE MODELS

A-Main: Josh Wallace, Pell Lake; Brian Ulrich, Racine; Jeff Steenbergen, Waupun; Ralph Gentile, Racine; Keith Tolf, Union Grove; Paul Dygon, Wind Lake; Paul Edmundson, Whitewater; Carrie Dygon, Racine; Sonny Schoffen, Crystal Lake, IL; Rob Maule, Burlington.
Heat: P. Dygon; Tolf; Gentile.
Time Trials: Schoffen.
Trophy Dash: Wallace; Schoffen; Ulrich.

MINI-MODIFIEDS

A-Main: Curt Thomazin, Elkhorn; Glen Vernezze, Salem; Bill Trusky, Silver Lake; Mike Van Houten, Cary, IL; Chris Thomazin, Elkhorn; Jerry Giuliano, Park Ridge, IL; Scott McCarthy, Antioch, IL; Barry Trusky, Waukegan, IL; John DeMay, Lake Villa, IL.
Heat: Bill Trusky; Vernezze; Van Houten.
Time Trials: Vernezze.

WEAPONS

A-Main: Jeff Schultz, Salem; Andy Krueger, Lake Geneva; Reid Kahrs, Jr., West Allis; Mark Tomasi, Wind Lake; Joe Delinger, Island Lake, IL.
Heat: Schultz; Krueger; Kahrs.
Time Trials: Krueger.

RACERS ... Before You Put Down This Issue of CFRN, Check the Classified Pages to See Who Has What For Sale!

LGR Mid-Season Races to Prestay, Roney, Bloomberg

LAKE GENEVA, WI, June 25 -- During the mid-season championship races Saturday night at Lake Geneva Raceway, Fran Prestay of Burlington won the 50-lap feature for super late models for his third win of the season.

Vincent Merry took the early lead in the feature, before a lap 10 get-together between Denny Hoffman and Mike Simon, Jr., drew the first caution period. On lap 15 Prestay worked on fourth-place Michael Kruschke, while Ron Stoehr was shown the black flag for not obeying the "pick a lane" rule, but on lap 20 Jerry Cowan and Stoehr made contact and the caution came out again. After two tries the race restarted, but Eddie May and Merry got together while racing for the lead, giving Prestay the lead. From there even a late-race caution after fast timer Jamie Wallace and Cowan made contact couldn't keep Prestay from the win, while Kent Burkoth held back Jeff Holmgren, Jr., for second. Jason Hicks recovered for fourth and May was fifth.

Tom Roney of Ridgefield, IL, never won a feature until Saturday night, taking the 30-lap event for the super stocks. As the greens were displayed Randy Schneider's mount went flat and the field scattered, but not before several cars received damage. After one more lap Dan Clemenz moved in front and established a large advantage by lap 7. Roney moved from ninth to third by lap 10, and it took Roney and Mike Gunderson seven more laps to move into second and third, respectively. The final caution came on lap 22 when Clemenz slowed with problems, and Roney took the lead. For the next eight laps Gunderson tried everything to get around the leader, but Roney came across the line first, followed by Gunderson, Scott Norton, Ken Eisbrenner and Adam Regnier.

Defending sportsman champ Jeremy Bloomberg of Hampshire, IL, took fast time and won the 25-lap feature. Denny Norton, Jr., held on to the lead until lap 5, when John Fischer moved on top for one lap. Norton moved back in front as Fischer had problems involving Gary Norton, and the caution came out for its only appearance of the race. Bobby Giers jumped in front and held the position until lap 11, when Bloomberg inched ahead. Bloomberg finished just in front of teammate Erik Pierce, points leader Kenny Joosten, Giers and Jamie Dorsey.

On Saturday night the Raceway will present its second trailer race of the season. A full race program will also be on tap. Time trials begin at 5:45 pm, and racing is at 7.

RESULTS

SPORTSMEN

A-Main: Jeremy Bloomberg, Hampshire, IL; Erik Pierce, Lake in the Hills, IL; Kenny Joosten, Wonder Lake, IL; Bobby Giers, McHenry, IL; Jamie Dorsey, Rockford, IL; John Janssen, Burlington; Ken Smart, Oconomowoc; Dennis Norton, Jr., McHenry, IL; John Fischer, Burlington; Mike Smart, Oconomowoc.

Heat: Janssen; Joosten; Dorsey.

Time Trials: Bloomberg.

Trophy Dash: Adam Mass, Woodstock, IL; Bloomberg; Pierce

SUPER LATE MODELS

A-Main: Fran Prestay, Burlington; Kent Burkoth, Pell Lake; Jeff Holmgren, Jr., East Troy; Eddie May, Crystal Lake, IL; Jason Hicks, Delavan; Shane Bishop, Lake Geneva; Jamie Wallace, Pell Lake; Michael Kruschke, Muskego; Mike Meyerhofer, Burlington; Vincent Merry, Wadsworth, IL.

Heat 1: Brad Norgard, Pell Lake; Kruschke; Denny Hoffman, River Forest, IL.

Heat 2: Brandon Hill, Lake Geneva; Rick Corso, McHenry, IL; Bishop.

Time Trials: Wallace.

Trophy Dash: Holmgren; Hicks; Jerry Cowan, Burlington.

SUPER STOCKS

A-Main: Tom Roney, Ridgefield, IL; Mike Gunderson, Wind Lake; Scott Norton, Wonder Lake, IL; Ken Eisbrenner, Racine; Adam Regnier, Twin Lakes; Randy Schneider, Burlington; Tom Jastrab, Genoa City; Dan Clemenz, Waukegan, IL; Willy Peterson, Woodstock, IL; Bill Reese, Hebron, IL.

Heat 1: Joe DeCubellis, Burlington; Peterson; Jastrab.

Heat 2: Jamie Starks, Waukesha; Regnier; Roney.

Time Trials: Norton.

Trophy Dash: Josh Wallace, Pell Lake; Norton; Dave Edwards, Salem.

Check Cashes In During Dave Marcis Night at State Park

RIB MOUNTAIN, WI, June 23 -- Race fans gathered at the State Park Speedway on Thursday night to welcome back favorite native son and former NASCAR star Dave Marcis, as well as enjoy the second night of the "Final Four" events of the season at the Wausau area track.

Jeremy Lepak got off to a fast start in the 50-lap super late model feature, while Allen Check passed Jason Weinkauf for second place and reeled in Lepak at halfway. On lap 20 Check passed Lepak on the high side for the lead and stayed out front for the remainder of the race to become the second feature winner this year at State Park. Mark Eswein came in second, with Lepak third, as the event went caution-free for all 50 laps.

The Mid-State Touring Series limited late model feature started off on a wild note, as one lap into the race Brian Paszek drove off the back stretch, causing other cars to spin avoid the wreck. Joe Caudill led the field back to the green, but on lap 34 Travis Dodson took over the lead. Two laps later Jeremy Switlick got by Dodson, and on lap 29 fast timer Neil Knoblock worked his way from the back and took the lead from Switlick. Knoblock then held on to win his fourth feature this season and second in the series. Second went to Switlick, and third went to Paszek.

Adam Jennejohn led the street stock feature for three laps before Mike Havel passed him for the lead. Bo Bennish and Tim Nawrocki raced door to door for second until Bennish used the high groove to pass Havel on lap 16. Bennish pulled away victorious, while Havel held on for second and third went to Nawrocki.

In the mini-stock feature, it didn't take long for Kevin Eckes to get into the lead. After Phil Malouf spun Tim Gorecki, Dan McGivern brought out the second caution by hitting the front stretch wall after cutting down a tire. The race came down to a battle between Chad Dietsche and Eckes for the lead, and Eckes held on for the win. Second went to Dietsche, and third went to Dylan Hockin. The mini-stock semi-feature went to Bob Schult.

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Gary Kasperek made it back to the Langlade County Speedway's victory lane with a feature win Friday in the WISSOTA street stocks. (Jennifer Jach photo)

Kasperek Claims Antigo Streeter Feature

ANTIGO, WI, June 24 -- Gary Kasperek claimed the top spot in the street stock feature to highlight racing action Friday at the Langlade County Speedway.

The feature went green with John Fetzer grabbing the lead before the caution flag slowed the race, and when the green fell Kasperek jumped to the lead, with Jeremy Wolfe in tow. Lee Christjohn made his way into the top three with an outside pass on Fetzer, and Dan Wanta followed to fourth. Wanta then dug inside to pass Christjohn for third, and again to take second from Wolfe, but he ran out of time to catch Kasperek, who took the win. Wolfe gained third.

J.P. Remington won his fourth feature in a row with wins in the both the truck division make-up and regular features. Remington grabbed the lead of the regularly-scheduled feature right away, as Travis Rank grabbed the inside line to go by Jeff Becker for third and then Forrest Crandall for second. After a restart Mike Bostwick took over second, but the checkered waved for Remington, ahead of Bostwick and Rank.

John Ripley grabbed the early lead of the truck make-up feature ahead of Remington, who fought Becker for second over several laps. Remington then took over the point with a lap to go and took the win, over Ripley and Becker.

A.J. Diemel made it two

straight with a win in the late model feature. Gordie Seegert grabbed the initial lead ahead of Diemel, but Diemel quickly moved outside and went around Seegert for the lead.

Troy Springborn made it to the top three with a pass on Chris Carlson before a caution flag slowed the race, but after the green was waved Carlson was back in third. After another restart Carlson grabbed second but then lost his position when he slipped high, letting Tim Buhler sneak by on the inside. Diemel went on to the win, with Seegert second and Buhler rounding out the top three.

Charlie Wild also made it two in a row with a feature win in the modifieds. Dave Diemel started at the point before Jon Berna grabbed the outside line and easily went around him for the lead. Eric Scribner took third from Wild before a caution flag slowed the action, but when racing resumed Wild was in second, and he towed Wade Schutt around Berna to take first and second. Then something broke on Schutt's car to bring out the caution, and the checkered flew due to the expired time limit. The win was awarded to Wild, over Mike Wedelstadt and Berna.

Asa Doxtator grabbed the early lead of the stock car feature, but after one lap the field shuffled and Bruce Belland held the lead. Larry Karcz moved outside and went around Doxtator for second before a caution flag slowed action. Jason Czarapata

grabbed second from Karcz late but followed winner Belland to the stripe, with Karcz third.

The weekly race program continues on July 1 at 7:15 pm. Langlade County Speedway is located on the north side of Antigo, just off of Highway 45 at the Langlade County Fairgrounds. For more information, contact the track at (715) 623-3584.

RESULTS WISSOTA LATE MODELS

Feature: Diemel, Seegert, Buhler, T. Anvelink, N. Anvelink.

Heat 1: Blashe, Flannery, Seegert.

Heat 2: Myers, Weigel, Buhler.

Heat 3: Diemel, Casey, Springborn.

IMCA MODIFIEDS

Feature: Wild, Wedelstadt, Berna, Diemel.

Heat 1: Diemel, Scribner, Wedelstadt.

Heat 2: Wild, Schutt, Hodkiewicz.

Heat 3: Maurer, Berna, T. Haferkorn.

Consolation 1: Schaal, Rohloff, Hanson.

Consolation 2: Besaw, Bailey, Moeller.

IMCA STOCK CARS

Feature: Belland, Czarapata, Karcz, Giese, Fredrick.

Heat 1: Otto, Karcz, Snellenberger.

Heat 2: Belland, Doxtator, Czarapata.

WISSOTA STREET STOCKS

Feature: Kasperek, Wanta, Wolfe, Christjohn, Howard.

Heat 1: Kasperek, Christjohn, Howard.

Heat 2: Wanta, Fetzer, Raab.

TRUCKS

Feature: Remington, Bostwick, Rank.

Heat 1: Rank, Bostwick, Bandt.

Heat 2: Remington, Ripley, Becker.

Make-Up Feature: Remington, Ripley, Becker.



IMCA hobby stocks go three-wide for the lead in Thunderhill Raceway's feature on Saturday. Jeff Lautenbach (56) held the inside line while challenged by Tony Schlei and eventual winner Tom Brumlic.

Dart Picks Huge Win at Thunderhill

by Greg Areogni

STURGEON BAY, WI, June 25 -- Todd Dart of Algoma took the lead on lap 4 and won his second modified feature of the season Saturday night at Thunderhill Raceway.

Art Siebert led the opening three laps before Dart used a high-line pass for the lead. Jay Matthias quickly made his way into second but had car troubles a couple of laps later. At halfway Sean Jerovetz and Benji Lacrosse caught Dart; Jerovetz tried the high line but could not get enough momentum there, and Lacrosse passed him with two laps to go but was not able to make a charge at Dart, who took the win and the points lead. Following Dart at the checkers were Lacrosse, Jerovetz and Siebert. "I actually had a set-up in to run the top," said Dart later, "but my car was faster down low."

Shawn Kilgore won his second feature in a row in the stock cars after taking the lead on lap 10 and sailing away. Corey Haen looked like the man to beat early in the feature, as he led until lap 9, when Kilgore made the winning pass down low. Haen then encountered problems and faded as Kilgore soared away from the field to pick up his third feature win of the season, followed by Craig Paque, Troy Muench and Charlie Kroll. "The car felt good wherever I put it," Kilgore said of the set-up in his car.

Von Eytcheson started 11th and quickly made his way to the front to win the 15-lap street stock feature. Johnny Sternard jumped out to the early lead and had about a half-straightaway on the field until his car developed a bad push. Eytcheson picked off Sternard on lap 7 and never looked back, while Scott Reinhardt took second as Sternard dropped out. Eytcheson picked up his fifth win of the season, with Reinhardt, Mike Pierrard and Jeremy Wiitala following at the checkers. "I want to dedicate this win to my aunt on her birthday," Eytcheson said afterward.

Tom Brumlic picked up his second feature win of the season in the hobby stocks. Jeff Lautenbach led the opening five laps until Brumlic and Tony Schlei caught him, and Brumlic used the top side and took the lead. Brumlic held off heavy pressure from Schlei, and coming to the white flag Brumlic's oil pressure light came on, but he won the feature ahead of Schlei, Eddie Anschutz, Keith Kickbusch and Dave DeGrave. "If the feature would have been 20 laps instead of 15 laps, we wouldn't have finished," Brumlic noted later.

Tyler Smith picked up his career-high third feature win in a row in the four-cylinder class. Charlie Gross led the opening laps until Smith took the lead on lap 3 and took off. Kenny Malcore caught him and made a strong effort

using the inside line, but he had nothing for Smith, who was followed by Malcore and Gross at the line. "This race is dedicated to my uncle," said Smith in victory lane.

On Saturday night the races will start at 6 pm. Thunderhill Raceway is located at the John Miles Fair Park in Sturgeon Bay.

RESULTS

IMCA MODIFIEDS

Feature: Todd Dart, Algoma; Benji Lacrosse, Luxemburg; Sean Jerovetz, Little Suamico; Art Siebert, Green Bay.

Heat 1: James Lee Tebon, Algoma; Jay Matthias, DePere.

Heat 2: Chris Derenne, Luxemburg; Bill Lemieux.

Heat 3: Scott Derenne, Luxemburg; Siebert.

IMCA STOCK CARS

Feature: Shawn Kilgore, Keweenaw; Craig Paque, Algoma; Troy Muench, Green Bay; Charlie Kroll, Forestville.

Heat 1: Kilgore; Rick Mahlberg, Denmark.

Heat 2: Mike Weitor, Green Bay; Cory Cochard.

Heat 3: Muench; Matt Junio, Casco.

IMCA HOBBY STOCKS

Feature: Tom Brumlic, Denmark; Anthony Schlei, Zion, IL; Eddie Anschutz, Algoma; Keith Kickbusch, Keweenaw; David DeGrave, Luxemburg.

Heat 1: Jeff Lautenbach, Sturgeon Bay; Anschutz.

Heat 2: Brandon Peterson, Institute; Schlei.

STREET STOCKS

Feature: Von Eytcheson, Forestville; Scott Reinhardt, Baileys Harbor; Mike Pierrard, Green Bay; Jeremy Wiitala.

Heat 1: Todd Polster, Baileys Harbor; Dennis Weidner, Maplewood.

Heat 2: Eytcheson; Wiitala.

FOUR-CYLINDERS

Feature: Tyler Smith, Luxemburg; Kenny Malcore, Milwaukee; Charlie Gross.

Heat: Tom Zastrow, Sturgeon Bay.



Shawn Kilgore (9) passes Charlie Kroll (8) Saturday night on his way to his fourth IMCA stock car feature win at "The Hill." (Dan Lewis photos)

Iverson, Parkansky Win Norway 'A's

NORWAY, MI, June 24 -- Jamie Iverson picked up his first late model win of the season Friday night at Norway Speedway.

Iverson came from the rear of the 16-car feature and worked his way around Fred Gignac. Following a restart, defending track champion Kris Kelly was hit and spun out, and Iverson held off a hard charge by Eugene Gregorich for the win. Mike Riechenberger, Gignac and Pete Polini completed the top five.

Kris Oliver picked up his first late model B-feature win by just edging out Paul Radovich at the finish line. Bob Menor used a front-row start to pull away and win the dash, followed by Kelly and Riechenberger. The first late model heat was won by Brian Suhs over Paul Radovich and Oliver, and the second heat

was won by Polini over John Novara and Scott Stanchina. The fast qualifier was Iverson, with a time of 14.497 seconds.

The Slammer feature was won by Travis Riedell, followed by John Mattia, Jim Stachowicz, Neil Varda and Brian Smith.

The Fab Four dash was won by Gary Dubord, Jr., followed by Tom Mott and Joe Pontbriand. The Fab Four C-feature was won by an unknown driver, followed by Bob Nordell and Bryce Cuggino. The B-feature winner was Brett Bray, over Roger Gunville and Jake Van Hese, and the A-feature was won by Cody Skog, followed by Jesse Hedlund, Chris Lassila, Bill Delfosse and Tim Wilcox.

On Friday night there will be two 40-lap late model features run, with the field inverted after the first feature, starting at 7 pm. Anyone dressed in military uniform will be admitted free of charge, and there will be a fireworks display at the conclusion of the program.

Shawano Plans Thursday Race in July

SHAWANO, WI -- Officials of the Shawano Speedway have announced plans for a Thursday night race event on July 21, with a rain date of July 28.

WISSOTA late models and IMCA modifieds and stocks will run for national points in this event; it will not be a track points paying show. All other track classes will run programs.

Races will start at 7 pm, with an entry cut-off of 6:45. The pits will open at 4:30 pm. Regular grandstand prices will be in effect for the show, and an extra payout could be paid to top five finishers in each class, depending on the number of pit passes sold. The funds from the pit fees normally earmarked for the drivers' end-of-year points fund each week will go toward this payout.

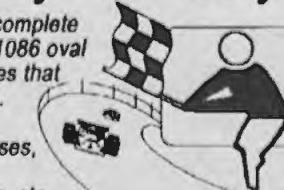
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Setzer Wins for First Time at The Mile

by Mark W. Theisen

WEST ALLIS, WI, June 24 -- The Milwaukee Mile at Wisconsin State Fair Park has always been a special place for Dennis Setzer, yet he had been unable to pull into victory lane - until Friday night.

Driving for Morgan-Dollar Racing, Setzer battled with pole winner Jack Sprague early and then dominated the Toyota Tundra Milwaukee 200, easily besting Sprague to win his second race in a row in the NASCAR Truck Series after going 27 races without a win in the Series. Setzer joins Sprague as the only drivers who have won at least one race in eight seasons of Truck Series racing at The Mile, and his win put him on top of the Series points standings after 11 of the 25 races.

With his fourth Milwaukee pole in nine attempts, Sprague bested Todd Bodine to lead the opening lap. Setzer passed Bodine before the end of the first circuit, and the order stayed that way for the next 42 laps. As Sprague's tires began to wear, Setzer made his move on lap 43 and built a sizeable lead, lapping all but the first 16 trucks by the time green-flag pit stops began on lap 75.



Dennis Setzer raises his fist in celebration after winning the NASCAR Truck Series race at The Milwaukee Mile Friday evening. (Roy C. Schmidt photo)

Setzer gave up his lead to David Reutimann with his pit stop on lap 81, but when Reutimann stopped three laps later Setzer was back on top, leading by more than two seconds over Sprague.

When Johnny Benson spun on lap 143 to bring out the only caution of the race, Setzer had lapped all but the second-, third- and fourth-place trucks, setting a torrid pace that no one could keep up with. Hornaday elected to stay on the track to lead lap 145 - and earn five bonus points - as the other three lead-lap trucks made their pit stops during the caution. He then made his pit stop on the next lap and restarted fourth, while Reutimann got his lap back under NASCAR's "lucky dog" rule.

Setzer opened up another comfortable lead over Sprague on the restart and cruised to a 3.993-second victory at the end of 200 laps. Defending race winner Ted Musgrave finished third, followed by Hornaday.

"The only problem we had tonight was in practice," said Setzer after his first Milwaukee win. "We had an engine miss, and we found a fouled spark plug and changed the entire set, and the truck ran superb the rest of night. It's not often you get a truck as good as I had tonight, so I did not want to take any chances, and I didn't. I took my time looking for the opening to pass Jack (Sprague) for the lead, and then with each lapped truck as I went through the race."

"To win at Milwaukee is so special to me. When I ran here in 1995, battling with Mike Skinner for the win, it got me noticed and helped me get rides in the Busch Series and helped build my career. I've always wanted to win here, and tonight it happened."

Sprague collected his 32nd second-place finish in the Series - a remarkable accomplishment and a testament to his consistency and fortitude.

With only four laps lost to caution, the race tied a Series mark set in 2002 at Homestead, FL, for fewest caution-flag laps. The 2003 Milwaukee event also had only one caution period, but that took five laps



Jack Sprague (16) and Todd Bodine (30) set the pace for the start of the Toyota Tundra Milwaukee 200 at West Allis on Friday.

(Al Graf photo)



Another Wisconsin shoe, Chris Wimmer (07), battles with Terry Cook (10) Friday during The Milwaukee Mile's NASCAR Truck Series event. Wimmer eventually placed 22nd and Cook was tenth.

(Roy C. Schmidt photo)

Setzer takes a 35-point lead over Hamilton to Kansas for the Series' next race on July 2.

RESULTS

1-10: Dennis Setzer, Jack Sprague, Ted Musgrave, Ron Hornaday, Brendan Gaughan, Bobby Hamilton, Steve Park, Rick Crawford, Todd Kluever, Terry Cook.

11-20: David Starr, Jimmy Spencer, Brandon Whitt, Robert Pressley, Bill Lester, Mike Skinner, Chad Chaffin, Matt Crafton, Martin Truex, Jr., Regan Smith.

21-30: Ricky Craven, Chris Wimmer, David Reutimann, Deborah Renshaw, Chris Fontaine, Justin Allgaier, Brad Keselowski, Rich Bickle, Nick Tucker, J.C. Stout.

31-36: Robert Huffman, Tracy Hines, Chase Montgomery, Todd Bodine, Johnny Benson, Alex Yontz.



Wisconsinite Rich Bickle (08) and Steve Park run side by side as Bobby Hamilton looks for a way to pass during the NASCAR Truck Series event at The Milwaukee Mile on Friday.

(Jenna Wolford/HSP photo)

Nuttelman Weaves to 93rd LaCrosse LM Win, Second of Season

by David Morgan

WEST SALEM, WI, June 25 -- Eight-time track champion Kevin Nuttelman started seventh, dropped a spot early, then went both inside and outside to pass and eventually claim feature win number two on the season, and number 93 in his late model career, at LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway on Saturday night.

"We've been at the shop past midnight all this week," Nuttelman said after the win. "We've put in a lot of work, and a day of practicing helped us get the car ready for this heat."

The win helped Nuttelman extend his points lead over Andy Burgess, who has three feature wins on the season, to 27 points.

Sam Andersen and Todd Korish battled for the early lead before Korish edged in front of Anderson on lap 5. A lap later the only caution of the race flew for a three-car spin. Mike Belling had moved by Anderson just before the yellow, and after the green he tried to duck under Korish. Then Belling moved high and took over the lead on lap 12. Nuttelman ducked inside on Anderson to take third two laps later, and on lap 16 he went outside to

take second from Korish, then ducked inside on Belling a lap later to take the lead for good. Andersen moved by both Korish and Belling in the final five laps to take second, with a hard-charging Steve Carlson rounding out the top five.

Jimmy Gilster started on the second row and showed patience, then went outside to pass Tom Thill on lap 6 for the lead and the sportsman division feature win. Thill finished second, followed by Branden Berg. Chad Rosendahl had his best-ever finish in fourth, and Dan Linnehan rounded out the top five.

Steve Owen failed on his first two attempts to get by Thunderstox feature leader Tony Wheeler, but once Owen moved to the lead, Charles Vian, Jr., was right behind. Vian then ducked inside on Owen in turn 3 of the final lap to edge his way to the feature win. Owen finished second, followed by Wheeler, Joey Johnson and Corey Barney.

LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway will hold events on both Saturday and Sunday nights over the upcoming weekend, including fireworks displays on both nights. On Saturday late models, Sportsman and Thunderstox will all be in action, with



First-lap late model B-main action on Saturday resulted in a spin by Curt Eckelberg at LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway. (LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway photo)

a recliner race to start the show. On Sunday the Hornets will highlight the show, along with a school bus race and two monster trucks on display.

RESULTS

NASCAR LATE MODELS

Feature: Kevin Nuttelman, Bangor; Sam Andersen, Melrose; Mike Belling, LaCrosse; Todd Korish, LaCrosse; Steve Carlson, West Salem; Andy Burgess, Fall Creek; Steve Holzhausen, Bangor; Mark Lamoreaux, Bloomington, MN; Dan Steele, West Salem; Tony Bagstad, Westby.

B-Feature: Troy Goodenough, Mindoro; Ken Hutchens, Black River Falls; Andy Niles,

Holmen.

Qualifying: Burgess, 19.926 secs, 98.540 mph.

Heat 1: Adam Degenhardt, Coon Valley; Brent Kirchner, LaCrosse; Jeff Baker, Holmen.

Odd Dash: Burgess; Lamoreaux; Bill Niles, Holmen.

Even Dash: Todd Oliver, Bangor; Bagstad; Korish.

SPORTSMAN

Feature: Jimmy Gilster, West Salem; Tom Thill, West Salem; Branden Berg, Melrose; Chad Rosendahl, Hokah, MN; Dan Linnehan, Sparta; Dan Gilster, West Salem; Mike Albrecht, Jr., West Salem; Aaron Hass,

Kyle Voss, La Crescent, MN; Chad Oehler, LaCrosse.

B-Feature: Andy Moore, Sparta; Jason Bolster, Sparta; Jamie Dummer, Holmen.

C-Feature: Craig Chandler, Black River Falls; Jeff Stumlin, Mindoro; Chris Vinson, Holmen.

Dash: Greg Lindvig, Holmen; Adam Moore; Steve Cleveland, Sparta.

Heat 1: Lonnie Klonicki, West Salem; Cleveland; Heller.

Heat 2: Voss; Lindvig; Mike Krueger, Jr., Sparta.

Heat 3: Owen; Ed Senn, LaCrosse; Johnson.

Heat 4: Mark Krueger, Hillsboro; Oehler; Barney.

Heat 5: Vian; Adam Moore; Wheeler.

DAREDEVIL CHALLENGE

Rollover Contest: Tony Leis, Middle Ridge.



During Sunday's late model feature at the Dubuque Speedway, Steve Boley (26) gets low on Wisconsin driver Mark Kerwin (6) to get the lead. On the outside is long-time modified ace Ron Barker (37).

took the lead early in the pro stock feature, and the soon-to-be senior at

sion at age 14, held off a determined Jeff Valentine and Jim Brokus to win Sunday's 15-lap feature. Justin Mitchell worked his way from the back to finish fourth, and Sam Harroun took fifth.

Luke Goedert took a close win in the stock car division by beating points leader Jason Rauen to the finish line by a fender.

In other action, B-mod points leader Jed Freiburger snagged another feature win, over B.J. Schmitt and Justin Seegmiller. Becky Roth held off Roger Winkers for the limited stock win. And Willy Campbell took the Farley Flyer win over rookie Dustin Wilwert and points leader Joe Zrostlik.

RESULTS

LATE MODELS

Feature: Steve Boley, Ron Barker, Jeremiah Hurst, Mark Curwen, Gary Crawford, Gary Webb, Mike Fryer, Andy Eckrich, Darren Mish, Ed Sanger.

MODIFIEDS

Feature: Jed Freiburger, B.J. Schmitt, Jacob Seegmiller, Jason Roth, Eric Glendenning, Kenny Boyes, Shawn Thomas, Jr.

FARLEY FLYERS

Feature: Willy Campbell, Dustin Wilwert, Joe Zrostlik, John Flury, Ruben Riley, Tim Casper, Jeremy Campbell, Shawn Stackis, Brian Tschiggfrie, Kendall Coats.

LIMITED STOCKS

Feature: Becky Roth, Roger Winkers, Phil Holtz, Kelly Welter, Jamie Neuhaus, Jason Seegmiller, Mike Bockhop.

Sauter Captures Rain-Shortened SBC 250 in Milwaukee

First Badger Stater to win in Busch Series at The Mile

by Mark W. Theisen

WEST ALLIS, WI, June 25 -- Johnny Sauter overcame every obstacle thrown his way Saturday night at Wisconsin State Fair Park Speedway's The Milwaukee Mile: an out-of-sequence pit stop, a rough-driving penalty, even rain.

The second-generation driver of the famous racing family from Neenah drove the potent James Finch-owned car to the win in the SBC 250 before 40,726 race fans.

Sauter gave indication right away that his was the car to beat when on his fifth practice lap he bested the track single-lap record. Then he came back in qualifying and set it officially with a speed of 122.595 mph to earn his second Mile pole, but first by actual speed, and his first since last August. Sauter also sat on the Mile pole in 2003 while driving for Richard Childress by virtue of owner points when qualifying was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Once the green flag was waived Sauter pulled away. After running nearly two seconds ahead of Ron Hornaday, Jr., Sauter's crew chief, Joe Shear, Jr., elected to bring the lead car in much earlier than anticipated, on lap 22 during the first caution, for a spin by Aaron Fike. But it was the right call, as just 36 laps after the restart Sauter had made up all 19 positions lost and passed Hornaday, who had inherited the lead when Sauter stopped.

With 20 laps fresher tires than the rest of the field, Sauter used a long green-flag run to all but eliminate his competition, pulling away as those that had not stopped earlier began making their initial stops of the race on lap 90.

Now Sauter was in need of a caution - only he was the reason for the caution. As Tony Raines was slowing entering turn 4 and signaling that he was to enter pit road, his car jumped out of the groove; Sauter was right behind, and when the cars touched it sent Raines for a spin. This brought out caution which basically put the entire field a lap down to Sauter.

The lap-down free pass went to Randy LaJoie, who restarted the race as the leader, since Series offi-



Johnny Sauter stepped out of the rain Saturday night to pose with the trophy after winning the 250-lap Busch series race at The Milwaukee Mile.

(Roy C. Schmidt photo)

cials penalized Sauter for rough driving and causing the caution by sending him to the end of the longest line for the restart. With 11 cars now on the lead lap confusion reigned as to who restarted where, but it took Sauter just two laps to pass LaJoie and once again lead the race.

After Kurtis Davis hit the wall on lap 147 to bring out the fourth caution of the race, Sauter's crew turned him off pit road first, followed by Clint Bowyer and Martin Truex, Jr., whose crew added fuel only. Truex took second from Bowyer on lap 193 when a wheel vibration sent Bowyer to the pits.

Raindrops began falling shortly thereafter, bringing out the yellow flag on lap 199 and the red flag on lap 200. The quick storm soaked the track, but soon after it stopped an all-out effort was made to dry the track and resume the race. Just when it looked as though the track was ready, the skies opened up with heavy showers at 11:30 pm, forcing NASCAR officials to call the race official at 200 laps and award Sauter his third career Busch Series win

and first at The Mile.

"This is big, really big," exclaimed Sauter when his victory became official. "Big for our team, big for me and big for my family. My dad and brothers all raced here in Busch cars, and for me to be the first of the family to win here is really big deal."

"We had a big meeting on Tuesday, Joe (crew chief Shear, Jr.), the team, everyone," continued Sauter. "We had not been running well at all, and this was an old-fashioned, knock-down, drag-out (meeting) that lit the fire under everyone, and it showed tonight. It did help that we were coming to a track that I like - flat and tight - and we had a car we know would do well, but even I was surprised at how good the car was right away."

Sauter was apologetic for the incident with Raines after being shown pictures of Raines waving his hand indicating his pending pit stop. "I guess I just didn't see his hand," he explained. "It was a stupid mistake on my part, and I'm glad I had the car tonight to make up for that mistake."

Truex, the defending Series champion, took over the points lead with his second-place finish. Paul Menard, also a Wisconsin-bred driver, finished third for his career-best effort in the Series. J.J. Yeley and David Stremme rounded out the top five.

Series rookie sensations Carl Edwards and Reed Sorenson had tough nights. Edwards suffered a broken shock absorber midway through the race, putting him a lap down, and he finished 14th to fall 79 points behind Truex. Sorenson also went down a lap early to finish 12th.

Former NASCAR Cup Series champion Bill Elliott made his Mile debut, driving for fellow NASCAR champ Rusty Wallace. Elliott started 15th and finished 17th, two laps off the lead, in his second Series race for Wallace and only his third career Series start ever.

Sauter's win in a Dodge was for the first for that marque in 15 Milwaukee Mile races. The Series now moves to Daytona Beach, FL, on July 1.

RESULTS



Another Wisconsin entrant into Saturday's SBC 250, Brian Reffner (67), gets a little push from Stacy Compton (59). (Dave Drews photo)



J.J. Yeley (18) gets by Carl Edwards (60) early in the SBC 250 at The Milwaukee Mile.



Rookie Kurtis Davis blasts into the turn 3-4 wall Saturday during the BGN 250 at Milwaukee. He was not injured.

(Roy C. Schmidt photo)

1-10: Johnny Sauter, Martin Truex, Jr., Paul Menard, J.J. Yeley, David Stremme, Denny Hamlin, Randy LaJoie, Kenny Wallace, Tony Raines, Clint Bowyer.

11-20: David Green, Reed Sorenson, Jason Keller, Carl Edwards, Ron Hornaday, Justin Labonte, Bill Elliott, Ashton Lewis, Tracy Hines, Aaron Fike.

21-30: Stanton Barrett, Scott Lagasse,

Jr., Ryan Hemphill, Brandon Miller, Stacy Compton, Jon Wood, Tim Fedewa, Mark Green, Regan Smith, Michel Jourdain, Jr.

31-40: Wade Day, A.J. Fike, Derrike Cope, Eric McClure, Bryan Reffner, David Ragan, Tim Sauter, Steve Grissom, Kurtis Davis, Tyler Walker.

41-43: Jeff Fuller, Kyle Krisiloff, Brad Teague.

Baldry Returns to FRRC Victory Lane

by Jeffrey Sachse

KAUKAUNA, WI, June 23 -- Hot racing action on a sultry night took center stage at Wisconsin International Raceway for the Fox River Racing Club's Thursday program.

Robb Vanderloop worked low to lead early in the super late model feature, but he and Tim Rothe made contact on lap 6, sending Vanderloop spinning for the first caution of the entire season in SLM feature action. Two laps J.J. Smith and Lowell Bennett got together, after which the final 20 laps clicked off without interruption, and Mark Schroeder held the point until lap 13, when Jeff Van Oudenoven worked by and brought Terry Baldry along into second. Baldry then worked by Van Oudenoven for the final lead change of the race, and Rod Wheeler swept past Van Oudenoven into second with a pair of laps to go. Baldry held a six car-length lead to the victory.

Limited late model feature action saw several cars get crossed mid-pack, eliminating fast timer Gary Natrop and points leader Tom Spierowski. Jesse Gracyalny then paced the first three circuits before Gary Bock overtook her for the lead. Jeff Van Handel dropped Gracyalny to second at halfway and slowly reduced Bock's lead to a couple car-lengths with five laps to go. Van Handel surprised Bock with an inside move with four laps remaining for the top spot, and once out front he was uncatchable.

In the sport truck main event, rookie Tyler Mault set the initial pace before Nate Ortibie took over on lap 2. The caution appeared when fast qualifier Kyle Quella rolled slowly onto his roof after spinning on lap four - Quella was uninjured - and on the restart Dan Vixmer worked into second before squirming by into the top spot on lap 7. Todd Schuette moved into



On Thursday at Kaukauna, Terry Baldry (96) swept past Jeff Van Oudenoven (8) for the lead in the FRRC super late model main event and held on for the victory.



Todd Baumann (30) fended off Terry Van Roy (14) and scored the victory in the super stock feature race Thursday at WIR.

(Steve Schulze photos)

second on the following lap, and on lap 11 he annexed the top spot. At the checkered Schuette held a six car-length lead for the victory.

Todd Baumann got the better of rookie Nik Glaser for the opening lead in the super stock main event, and Terry Van Roy climbed into second on the following lap. Baumann got tangled with a lapped car on lap 6, but a caution gave him a reprieve. A tangle between Glaser and Todd Reffke slowed the pace again, after which Andy Casavant was unable to close on Baumann's four car-length advantage, as Baumann made his way to the winner's circle.

The entry-level Sizzlin' Fours main event started with points leader Phil Verboomen shooting out to an early lead, and he was never seriously threatened en route to a convincing win, his first of the season. Ed Howard garnered second early in the contest but was unable to close on Verboomen.

RESULTS

Victory at Infirion Road Course is Stewart's First Win of '05

from NASCAR.com

SONOMA, CA, June 26 -- Tony Stewart found his way back to Victory Lane, and he did it with one hand.

With fourth gear gone and third gear going in his race car late in Sunday's NASCAR Nextel Cup Dodge-Save Mart 350, Stewart held his car in gear with one hand and steered with the other as he caught and passed Ricky Rudd for the lead and the win. Stewart took the lead at Infineon Raceway when pole winner and race favorite Jeff Gordon faltered with his own transmission trouble.

It was Stewart's first victory since last August at Watkins Glen International - the only other road circuit on the Cup schedule.

Stewart made his final pit stop under the seventh of eight cautions in the race. He restarted 14th on lap 73 of 110 as Rudd caught and passed Rusty Wallace for the lead on lap 83. Stewart moved into second place on lap 85 but still trailed the leader by 2.7 seconds. But Stewart finally got past Rudd with an inside move on the final turn of lap 100.

SUPER LATE MODELS

Feature: Terry Baldry, Omro; Rod Wheeler, Hortonville; Jeff Van Oudenoven, Kimberly; Mark Schroeder, Green Bay; John Meidam, Appleton; Jim Duchow, Appleton; Andy Monday, Appleton; Tom Hockers, DePere; Jamie Iverson, Escanaba, MI; Tim Rothe, Appleton.

Semi-Feature: Jamie Birling, Appleton; Brent Strelka, Freedom; Jason Vandenberg, Appleton.

Heat 1: Chris Grimes, Green Bay; Jamie Birling, Appleton; Pete Vandermolen, Oshkosh.

Heat 2: J.J. Smith, Appleton; Lowell Bennett, Neenah; Nate Van Wychen, Kaukauna.

Dash: Wheeler; Iverson; Van Oudenoven.

Fast Qualifier: Baldry, 19.667 secs.

LIMITED LATE MODELS

Feature: Jerry Van Handel, Waupaca; Gary Bock, Kaukauna; Jesse Gracyalny, Little Chute; A.J. Miller, Black Creek; Chris Larocque, Appleton; Andrew Kluck, Little Chute.

Heat 1: Jim Ebbin, Appleton; Todd Verhagen, Kaukauna; Eric Holenspreger, Darboy.

Heat 2: Chris Larocque, Appleton; Brandon Conrad, Freedom; Pat Braun, Kaukauna.

Dash: Bock, Van Handel; Kluck.

Fast Qualifier: Gary Natrop, Kaukauna, 20.619 secs.

WISCONSIN SPORT TRUCKS

Feature: Todd Schuette, Greenville; Dan Vixmer, St. Peter; Jason Van Handel, Freedom; Nate Ortibie, Kaukauna.

Heat 1: Jim Ebbin, Appleton; Todd Verhagen, Kaukauna; Eric Holenspreger, Darboy.

Heat 2: Chris Larocque, Appleton; Brandon Conrad, Freedom; Pat Braun, Kaukauna.

Dash: Bock, Van Handel; Kluck.

Fast Qualifier: Gary Natrop, Kaukauna, 20.619 secs.

Chilton; Pete Zarnoth, Brillion.

Semi-Feature: Jerry Quella, Appleton; Robb Vanderloop, Darboy; Matt Stake, Wautoma.

Heat 1: Chris Lowenhagen, Appleton; Jim Kraft, Appleton; Dustin Jaloszynski, Appleton.

Heat 2: Tyler Mault, Port Washington; Ron Magdanz, Fremont; Randy Yaeger, Appleton.

Heat 3: Schuette, Van Handel; Jason Plutz, Appleton.

Fast Qualifier: Kyle Quella, Appleton, 16.349 secs.

SUPER STOCKS

Feature: Todd Baumann, Kaukauna; Andy Casavant, Two Rivers; George Schwalbach, Menasha; Dylan Wenzel, Fremont; Allen Trudell, Kaukauna; Mike Meyerhoffer, Jr., Kaukauna.

Heat 1: Larry Raygo, Omro; Meyerhoffer; Joe Arnouldussen, Neenah.

Heat 2: Baumann; Trudell; Randy Van Roy, Little Chute.

Fast Qualifier: Wenzel, 16.227 secs.

SIZZLIN' FOURE

Feature: Phil Verboomen, Kaukauna; Ed Howard, Kaukauna; Bryan Monday, Appleton; Tim Richter, Hortonville; Bryan Whittman, Kaukauna; Neal Sannes, DePere.

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Feature: Jeff Wohlrabe, Appleton; Donald Van Camp, Seymour; Dan Gracyalny, Little Chute; Ken Van Wychen, Kaukauna; Terry Van Roy, Darboy; Jeff Zwiers, Kaukauna.

Hoffman Hammers Field in Elmer Musgrave Memorial at Illiana

by Tony Baranek

SCHERERVILLE, IN, June 25 -- There wasn't anything dramatic or heroic about Eddie Hoffman's performance in winning his third consecutive Champion Racing Association Super Series Elmer Musgrave Memorial 100 Saturday night at Illiana Speedway. It was just power.

"Yes, it was very impressive," Hoffman said with a smile, referring to his race car, which led the final 87 laps. "Last year we had a really great car off of qualifying. We didn't this year. But the car actually drove better than last year."

Hoffman had the fastest of 34 cars with a 19.194-second lap. Then, in the main event, Hoffman, who started in the third row, took the lead from Mike White on lap 13 and never had a bumper laid on him the rest of the way. He wound up beating Dave Weltmeyer by about five car-lengths.

Weltmeyer, meanwhile, started 14th in the 29-car field and, one by one, picked off the competitors in front of him as he drove to the front. He cracked the top ten by lap 10, by lap 20 he was sixth, and by lap 30 he was fourth. On lap 46 Weltmeyer took second place away from White -



The checkered flags fly for Eddie Hoffman after dominating the Elmer Musgrave Memorial race for the CRA Super Series at Illiana Speedway.

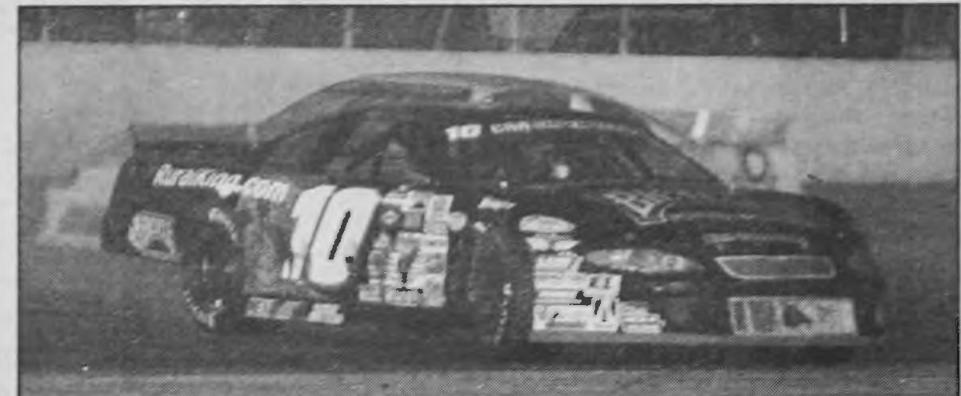
all while spotting most of the field a significant horsepower advantage, using his concept motor against the 9.0:1 motors that the CRA regulars - including Hoffman - employ.

A handful of late yellow flags gave Weltmeyer a chance to move up on Hoffman's bumper, but on every

restart Hoffman pulled away by a car-length or two.

Third place went to CRA regular Jeff Lane, while White, who led laps 1-12, checked in fourth, and Pat Kelly was fifth.

Hoffman also claimed the top prize in the "Chicagoland Showdown



Chris Gabhart spins in turn 4 as Jack Landis gets by on the outside at Illiana on Saturday night. (Bob Milner photos)

Challenge," which combined the points from the Musgrave race with those from the George Appleton Memorial held earlier this month at Grundy County Speedway.

In the Mid-American feature, points leader Josh Nelms bounced back from a disappointing effort last Saturday to clobber the field. Nelms took the lead from Keith Sterkowitz on lap 8 and was never headed. Jeff Cannon finished about four car-lengths behind in second, followed by Bill Neering.

Billy Jarrells took the early lead in the 30-lap turbostox feature, but he

had to hang on at the finish as Tom Gasik gave him a side-by-side challenge before settling for second place. Third went to Eddie Wolf.

RESULTS

LATE MODELS

Last Chance: Terry Fisher, Jr., Landon Cassill, Joe O'Connor.

Feature: Eddie Hoffman, Dave Weltmeyer, Jeff Lane, Mike White, Pat Kelly, Eddie Van Meter.

MID-AMERICAN

Feature: Josh Nelms, Jeff Cannon, Bill Neering, Keith Sterkowitz, Craig Amptmeyer, Pat Broenneke.

TURBOSTOX

Feature: Billy Jarrells, Tom Gasik, Eddie Wolf, Bill Serviss, Ryan Moore, Roger Rubino.

Sontag Repeats, Mahoney Clears the Wall at Grundy County Speedway

by Andy Grod

MORRIS, IL, June 24 -- Joliet driver Brett Sontag made it two in a row Friday night by winning the 30-lap late model feature on the final turn at the Grundy County Speedway.

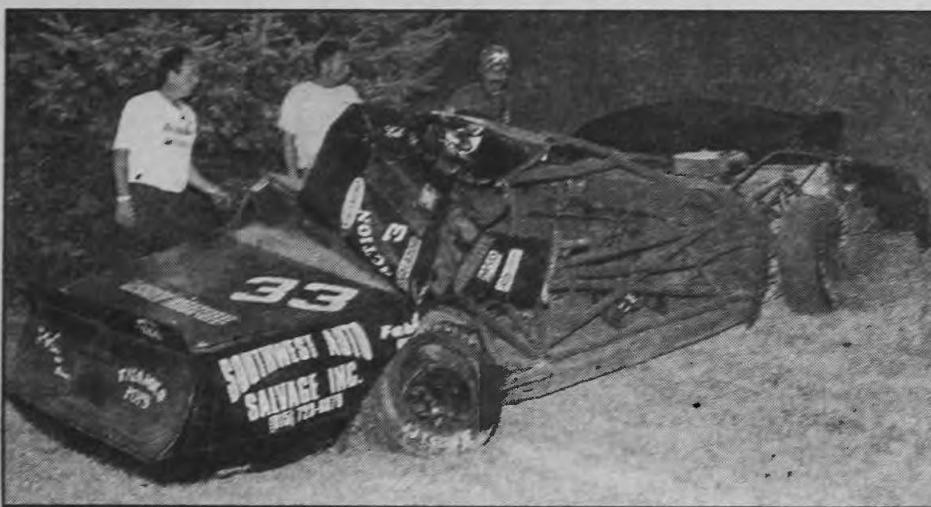
Scott Koerner took the lead from Chris Cooling on lap 3 and appeared to be on his way to victory, but with five laps remaining Tom Knippenberg challenged Koerner while Sontag moved to third. On lap 27 Sontag slipped past Knippenberg and quickly caught Koerner, and with two circuits remaining he got Koerner sideways as they exited turn 4. Koerner checked up as Sontag went high, and on the final turn Sontag powered ahead at the checkered.

"I got Scotty crossed up a little, and I wasn't sure if I had enough to pass him," said Sontag. "He's a good driver, and he gave me enough room."

Late model rookie Tom Knippenberg had his first top-three finish in feature action, crossing the finish line just ahead of brother Billy Knippenberg, Jr., and Duane Pierson.

In the second street stock heat race, Ed Mahoney's throttle stuck as he was racing wide-open down the back stretch. He slammed the turn 3 wall and climbed it, hit the old scoreboard and flew out of the speedway, landing some 50 feet beyond the track. As safety crews sped to the scene, Mahoney had already exited the race car uninjured.

Another street stock accident saw Frank Sabella slam the same spot that Mahoney hit, as Sabella's throttle also stuck on lap 7 of the feature. Sabella's car went into the air and flipped upside-down onto the speedway. Sabella was also uninjured. The same area collected Mid-American driver Ray Mooi, whose



Ed Mahoney flew over the wall and out of the Grundy County Speedway Friday night during his street stock heat race. Mahoney was uninjured. (Andy Grod, Jr., photo)

engine may have let go on lap 3 of the feature. Mooi hit the wall hard and Justin Wren slammed Mooi's car as it sat against the wall. The gas tank burst open and gas poured from Mooi's car, but the safety crew removed the car without incident. All drivers appeared unhurt.

Jerry Einhaus, Jr., of Seneca won his third Mid-Am feature of the season here, as the two-time champion passed Jimmy Becker for the lead on lap 10, then held off Jeremy Bloomberg to take the checkered by two car-lengths. Becker had a solid third-place showing, with John Senerchia won the battle for fourth over Josh Nelms.

Rick Dawson of Lemont claimed his third street stock feature win of the season and sits atop the points list. Guy Baumann paced the field early before Randy Weese took the top spot on lap 9. But Weese spun on the next circuit, handing the lead back to Baumann. Justin Claypool passed Baumann for the front just after the halfway mark, with Dawson following into second, and Dawson

took over the lead with one lap remaining and went under the checkered for the win. In a tight battle in the closing laps, Baumann held off Chad Proctor and Kent Harmann to take third.

Jason Kolbe of Oak Lawn drove past Kris Koppers on lap 3, then held off Nick Clubb to win his first mini-stock feature of the season. Claypool took third, followed by Koppers and Todd Gladkowski.

Stock car racing continues every Friday night at the Grundy County Speedway, located just north of I-80 on Route 47 at the Fairgrounds in Morris.

RESULTS

LATE MODELS

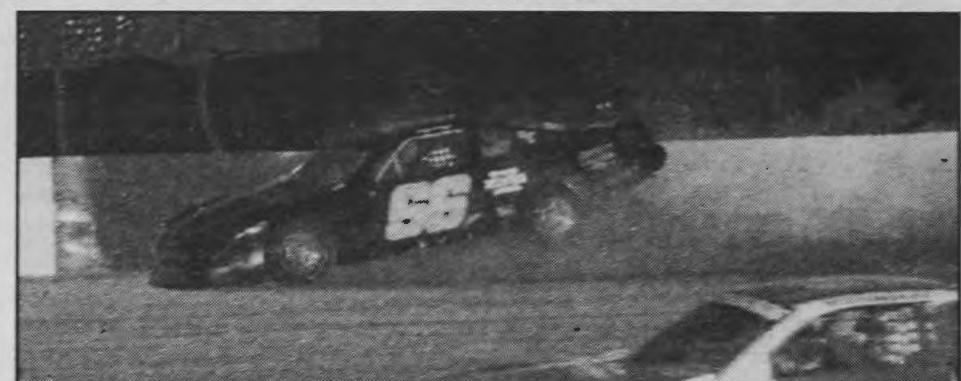
Feature: Brett Sontag, Joliet; Scott Koerner, Joliet; Tom Knippenberg, Channahon; Billy Knippenberg, Jr., Plainfield; Duane Pierson, Lockport; Rob Werkmeister, Plainfield; Tom Smith, Posen, Gary Raven, Hometown; Nick Baran, Plainfield; Chris Cooling, Joliet.

Heat 1: Brian Clubb, Morris; P.J. Polcyn, Elwood.

Heat 2: Koerner; Cooling.

Fast Time: Sontag, 15.492 secs.

MID-AMERICAN



Ray Mooi crashed hard in the Mid-American event and was then hit by another car, totaling his black number 66 race car. (Andy Grod photos)



Frank Sabella flipped his red number 85 after the throttle stuck while going down the back stretch. All drivers were reported okay. (Andy Grod photos)

Feature: Jerry Einhaus, Jr., Seneca; Jeremy Bloomberg, Hampshire; Jimmy Becker, Burlington; John Senerchia, Orland Park; Josh Nelms, Bartlett; Josh Higgins, Morris; Nick O'Dell, New Lenox; Jay Mikel, Oswego; Mike Marden, Monee; Jake Finney, Sycamore.

Heat 1: Mike Yuris, Bolingbrook; Nelms.

Heat 2: O'Dell; Higgins.

Fast Time: Einhaus, 15.974 secs.

STREET STOCKS

Feature: Rick Dawson, Lemont; Justin Claypool, Morris; Guy Baumann, Homer Glen; Chad Proctor, Kenosha, WI; Kent Harmann, Braidwood; Bob Davis, Coal City; Chris Sanda, LaGrange Park; Joe Graziano, Plainfield; Brandon Clubb, Coal City; Chuck

Deutsch, Minooka.

Semi-Feature: Ray Brackett, Coal City; Chad Bayuk, Crest Hill; Jamie Deurloo, Minooka.

Heat 1: Brackett; Bayuk.

Heat 2: Baumann; Ron Vandermeer, Jr., Joliet.

Heat 3: Sanda; Ricky Baker, Plainfield.

Fast Time: Dawson, 17.887 secs.

MINI-STOCKS

Feature: Jason Kolbe, Oak Lawn; Nick Clubb, Morris; Jason Claypool, Morris; Kris Koppers, Todd Gladkowski, Channahon; Chet Hartley, Joliet; Alex Clubb, Morris; Ken Schridelly, Seneca; Danny Heath, Seneca; Stephanie Kinzer.

Gerke Gets Win in Mid-Am Points Tilt at 141 Speedway

by Bill Schleifer

FRANCIS CREEK, WI, June 25 -- Gale-force winds and torrential rains on Friday night threatened to wash out Saturday's race program at 141 Speedway, but some fast work by the track crew helped to get the show in.

The Mid-American Stock Car Series was in town for the Dick Grall Memorial 60-lap feature, and in the feature Jesse Fuller led the field early with Jason Takahani in pursuit. By lap 4 Series points leader Bill Prietzel had moved to third and, after disposing of Takahani, diced for the lead with Fuller for 30 laps. Then Daryl Gerke moved to second on lap 50 and challenged Fuller, but Gerke could only follow Fuller over the final ten laps. However, during a post-race inspection, it was discovered that Fuller's car had an

illegal upper arm in its front suspension, resulting in his disqualification and giving the win to Gerke.

The super stock feature was dominated by Travis Rodewald, who led the event from the start. Kevin Charles got his best finish of the year by coming home second, with Josh Sand getting third by a fender over Don Wood.

The mini-stock feature was a walk in the park for track record-holder Troy Selner, who raced from a mid-pack start to the lead in just seven laps and ran away from the field to get his first win of this season. Jason Behnke won a drag race to the finish line for second over Jason Rabas.

Brian Rathe took the early hobby stock feature lead,



Daryl Gerke (64) started deep in the field and passed Bill Prietzel (5) for the win with just a few laps left in the 60-lap Dick Grall Memorial at 141 Speedway on Saturday night. (Chuck Look photo)

RESULTS

HOBBY STOCKS

Feature: Peter Kumbalek, Team Behnke, Jason Rabas, Matt Reinke, Kris Conard, Michael Robinson, Tyler Bauknecht, Brian Rathe, Lee Kielkowski, Maxwell Schultz.

Heat 1: Kraig Koehler, Conard, Bauknecht.

Heat 2: Schultz, Team Behnke, Rathe.

MID-AMERICAN

Feature: Daryl Gerke, Bill Prietzel, Bob Schultz, Todd Mott, Andy Casavant, Dennis Rabas, Brett Plonter, Travis Groelle, Jason

Taghikhani, Monte Strout.

Heat 1: Mike Oswald, Gary Tisler, Scott Null.

Heat 2: Jeff Tisler, Jesse Fuller, Strout.

Heat 3: Andy Jirik, Gerke, Kevin Damrow.

Qualifying: Mott.

Semi-Feature: Tisler, Rod Dart, J. Tisler.

MINI-STOCKS

Feature: Troy Selner, Paul Ray, Jason Novak, Allen Dillon, Team Wellner-Wetenkamp, John Senkpiel, Rick Kretschmann, Kurt Naidl, Dave Senkpiel, Mark Trickey.

Heat 1: Kyle Pleschek, Jason King, Corey Kaczoroski.

Heat 2: Steve Schneider, Kevin Peroutka, Chris Wellner.

Heat 3: Novak, Kretschmann, Dillon.

Heat 4: Trickey, Sean Farrell, Cory Kemkes.

Qualifying: Selner.

Semi-Feature: Wellner: Jason Willadsen, Team Vosters.

SPORT FOURS

Feature: Bruce Sand, Mark Christensen, Terry Koenig, Mike Blashka, Ryan Brandes, Aaron Dalton, Rachel Gauger, Kendra Cretton, Rick Lorrigan, Gary Novitski, Jr.

SUPER STOCKS

Feature: Travis Rodewald, Kevin Charles, Josh Sand, Don Wood, Jimbo Schleifer, Nathan Wagner, Crystal Koenig, Brian Stanelle, Tim Conard, Jeff Tremi.

Heat 1: Dave Stoffer, Jason Kostichka, Tremi.

Heat 2: Brian Stanelle, Jo Mueller, Wood.

Heat 3: Koenig, Paul Rabas, Rodewald.

Qualifying: Sand, Wood, Conard.

Semi-Feature: Todd Welsing, Tremi, Greg Anderson.

Whitney Completes Sweep with IRA Victory at Deer Creek

SPRING VALLEY, MN, June 25 -- The high banks of the Deer Creek Speedway were a welcome sight to the Bumper to Bumper IRA Outlaw Sprint Series teams that made the tow to the facility, along with a packed grandstand and a more than friendly atmosphere.

Expectations were high for the Series' inaugural visit, and those expectations were soon realized when the existing track record was shattered unofficially in hot laps. John Sernett then established the official track record during time trials, turning a lap of 12.592 seconds. In all, every car that took the green in time trials qualified under the old record.

Heat race action saw Jim Melis bring out the night's first red flag when he got pinched against the outside retaining wall, sending him into a series of end-over-end flips. Melis was not hurt in the incident. Randy Anderson won that heat in the first night out for his new Marty Johnson-

owned car, while Billy Warren won the second heat in convincing fashion. Steve Meyer kept Mike Reinke at bay for his heat win, and Kim Mock took the B-main.

Scott Bierter took control of the 30-lap A-main early and led the first 20 laps, weathering two cautions and a red flag for Wayne Modjeski, who was unhurt in a minor rollover but unable to continue. Lapped traffic, however, would prove to be Bierter's undoing, as the lap 20 caution allowed Travis Whitney, who was rapidly moving towards the front from his ninth starting position, to close up on Bierter's back bumper.

On the restart Whitney took a look to Bierter's outside, then dive by for the lead, while Scott Young and Scott Neitzel also worked by Bierter later in lapped traffic. Young got by Neitzel before a final yellow flew for Scott Uttech, who lost a rear-end and came to a stop. The final laps saw Whitney get a good jump on Young and Neitzel

and run off to sweep the IRA's weekend tour. Jerry Richert, Jr., battled back to a fourth-place finish, while Bierter held on for fifth.

The IRA sprinters will celebrate the Fourth of July holiday with a visit to the Sheboygan County Fair Park on Saturday, July 2, in Plymouth, WI. Then, on Sunday, July 3, the Series moves north to the Luxemburg (WI) Speedway. For admission pricing and times, please contact the individual track offices.

RESULTS

IRA SPRINTS

Time Trials: John Sernett, 12.592 secs (NTR).

Heat Winners: Randy Anderson, Billy Warren, Steve Meyer.

B-Main: Kim Mock.

A-Main: 1-10: Travis Whitney, Scott Young, Scotty Neitzel, Jerry Richert, Jr., Scott Bierter, Billy Warren, Mike Kertscher, Joe Roe, John Sernett, Steve Meyer.

11-20: Mike Reinke, Ty Bartz, Tim Sernett, Kim Mock, Matt Wasmund, Billy Balog, Billy Warren, Rick Kelsey, Andy Hunt, Scott Uttech.

21-22: Wayne Modjeski, Dave Uttech.



Travis Whitney, en route to another IRA Sprint Series victory at Superior Speedway on Friday night, June 24.

Whitney Returns to Victory Lane in Superior Speedway IRA Go

SUPERIOR, WI, June 24 -- For the Bumper to Bumper IRA Outlaw Sprint Series' initial visit to the Superior Speedway on Friday, a racing surface different from the track's usual tacky, smooth and fast conditions posed a challenge for the competitors.

Scott Neitzel topped the list of sprinters in time trials with a 16.574-second lap, after which the track surface was reworked, providing for multi-groove action for the rest of the program. Heat race wins were split between Travis Whitney, John Sernett and Scott Young.

Concessions were further made between track officials and the sprint series, and the finishing order from the heats were used to line up the IRA A-main. At the drop of the feature green, Mike Kertscher found his way to the point but quickly relinquished the lead to Sernett. By lap 2, however, Whitney placed himself at the front, and from there he would not give up the position. The caution flag slowed action on lap 4 for Scott Bierter, and again a few laps later when Kim Mock found himself sitting sideways after some tight racing.

Meanwhile, Mike Rienke moved forward through the field with a rim-riding style that eventually got the better of his right-rear tire, which let go after contact with the outside retaining wall.

Whitney went on to score his first IRA victory of the season. In a post-race interview, Whitney commented that, while his engine program has not been at a level he has been accustomed to, it certainly was not the engine builder's fault, and those problems have since been corrected. Joe Roe quietly advanced from the 12th start-

ing spot to finish second, stating post-race that the new design concept of his top wing has added more stability to his car, allowing him to say on the bottom. Sernett salvaged third despite a power steering pump that failed on lap 3. "This is the second week in a row this has happened," stated Sernett. "We have a real good car and have been running very well. I feel that once we get this figured out, we'll be right there at the end."

RESULTS

IRA SPRINTS

Time Trials: Scott Neitzel, 16.574 secs.

Heat Winners: Travis Whitney, John Sernett, Scott Young.

A-Main: 1-10: Whitney, Joe Roe, Sernett, Young, Mike Kertscher, Steve Meyer, Jerry Richert, Jr., Neitzel, Ryan Irwin, Kim Mock.

11-20: Jim Melis, Billy Balog, Ty Bartz, Andy Hunt, Scott Uttech, Leigh Thomas, Mike Steffka, Wayne Modjeski, Matt Folstad, Tim Sernett.

21-24: Mike Reinke, Scott Bierter, Billy Warren, Dave Uttech.



Mike Kertscher of Fredonia, WI (80k) passes Mike Steffka of Racine (83D) for position at Superior on Friday night. (John Kolstad photos)

Byholm, Simpson Pick Up Superior Checkers

by Jerry O'Brien

SUPERIOR, WI, June 24 -- As part of the Interstate Racing Association's first visit of the season to the Superior Speedway this season on Friday night, modified, super stock and pure stock drivers also took to the track.

The mod feature was a rare 20-lap flag-to-flag affair, with Tyler Keyser moving to the initial lead before Bill Byholm skittered by. With a dozen circuits remaining Kelly Estey nipped Keyser for second and challenged Byholm with six laps left, but Byholm stayed in front for the win.

The pure stock feature was postponed until the next time they are scheduled to compete at the Speedway, due to time constraints.

RESULTS

WISSOTA SUPER STOCKS

Heat 1: Al Uotinen, Kyle Peterlin, Ryan Aho.

Heat 2: Rick Rivord, Rick Simpson, Dale Gangl.

Heat 3: Scott Lawrence, Eric Nelson, Jay Kuras.

Heat 4: Tom Treviranus, Adam Long, Dave Reynolds.

B Main: Donnie Lofdahl, Mike Bellefeuille, Chuck Metzgar.

Feature: Simpson, Kuras, Lawrence, Gangl, Peterlin, Ryan Rivord, Aho, Todd Bonney, Randy Silverness, Dave Flynn.

PURE STOCKS

Heat 1: Tony Ciurleo, Jason Ziells, Rick Wilhelm.

Heat 2: Cory Casari, Jesse Ogston, Al Rapp.

Feature: postponed to July 1.

JUNIOR ANIMAL

Feature: Johnny Whitman, DePere, Ben Stumpf, Menasha; Aaron Milavitz, Shawano; Justin Kraeger, Caroline; Quintin Mory-Pagel, Seymour.

STOCK HEAVY

Feature: Justin Flagg, Bonduel; Brett Swedberg, Shawano; Cody Wunderlich, Hortonville; Brian Page, Plover; Justin Heiting, Appleton.

WKA ANIMAL

Feature: Kyle Lentz, Green Bay; Justin Anthony, Appleton; Jason Jach, Pulaski; Brad Anthony, Appleton; Nathan Horsens, Shawano.

JUNIOR TWO

Feature: Cheyenne Cameron, Birnamwood; Brandon Thurber, Neenah; Dakota Quaintance, New London; Jordan Reinke, Shawano.

LAWNMOWER

Feature: Shannon Peters, Bear Creek; Ty Rindt, Bear Creek; Chad Peters, Bear Creek.

Farley Set for Busy Month of July

FARLEY, IA -- Mother Nature took the checkers in three features last Friday night at Farley Speedway, helping to set up a very busy month of July.

The June 24 modified feature will be made up on July 1, while the pro stock feature will be made up on July 8 during their track's mid-season championships. The late models will make up their June 24 feature the following week, July 15.

The UMP SummerNationals late model tour will also make a stop at the Farley Speedway, on Tuesday, July 19, for a \$10,000-to-win 40-lap feature.



John Kaanta (85) and Rick Hanestad (71) battled side by side during the early laps of the WISSOTA late model feature at Red Cedar Speedway on Friday.

Mid-Season Champs Crowned at Red Cedar Speedway

by Ed Reichert

MENOMONIE, WI, June 24 -- The mid-season championships were held Friday at the Red Cedar Speedway, with the heat races lined up by points earned so far this season and drivers qualifying for the features based on their heat finishes.

The late model feature alone made the show worthwhile, as Rick Hanestad got the early jump before John Kaanta edged ahead. Ashley Anderson edged by Hanestad into second despite a left-front suspension failure, just as the yellow flew for a spin. In the three-lap sprint to the finish Hanestad returned to second, switched to the middle lane and edged up beside Kaanta. They flashed by the finish line so close together that the winner was unclear, but after a discussion among the track officials Hanestad was awarded his first win here this year by inches.

The other close finish saw Jim Bourn take his third Midwest modified feature event in a come-from-behind effort. Kevin Adams got the jump in the non-stop contest, but Bourn pulled up beside him. Dan Wheeler then blasted into the lead and Bourn took second. Later in the race Wheeler had to lift for just a second in lapped traffic, and Bourn blew by him on the high side with two laps to go and drove on to the win.

Craig Thatcher got the jump in the modified feature and gradually edged away from the field until the yellow waved for a spin. Thatcher responded by again pulling away and continued on for his third win of the year here.

Adams also got the jump in the super stock feature, but Anderson soon used the low side to edge past him. The yellow flew with five laps remaining for a spin, but Anderson again pulled away. Ben Hillman went to the extreme high side of the track and, despite banging off the walls with regularity and spending sparks flying, passed several cars on the final few laps to finish second as Anderson took his fifth win of the year here.

Chris Peterson led all the way to earn his fourth street stock win here this season. He was challenged by Ron Hanestad and Joe Rhead early but gradually pulled away, while Hanestad eventually secures second. After two

early yellows the race ran non-stop, and the top three continued on unchallenged to the finish.

First-time winner Bobby Kaufman, Jr., came from the third row to take the pure stock feature win. After an early five-car battle for the lead Wade Aspen held on to first, while Kaufman moved up on the low side and took second. Kaufman then ducked under Aspen to take over the lead before the race was red-flagged on lap 8, when Ron Hoffman hooked the infield tires in turn 1 and bounced onto his roof. He was uninjured, and Kaufman held the lead for the restart and he drove a smooth final three laps to take the win.

RESULTS

WISSOTA LATE MODELS

Feature: Rick Hanestad, John Kaanta, Ashley Anderson, Joel Cryderman, Lance Matthees, Jerry Redetzke, Mike Goodremote, Tom Nesbitt, Pat Doar, Keane Laakson.

Heat 1: Kaanta, Anderson, Tim Isenberg.

Heat 2: Hanestad, Chad Mahder, Goodremote.

Heat 3: Matthees, Scott Gilberts, Cryderman.

WISSOTA MODIFIEDS

Feature: Craig Thatcher, Brent Larson, Ross Prochnow, Mike Anderson (Colfax), Mark Hessler, A.J. Heuer, Todd Siddons, Larry Prochnow, Jake Hartung, Mike Anderson (Dallas).

Heat 1: Thatcher, R. Prochnow, Hessler.

Heat 2: Larson, Anderson (Colfax), Anderson (Dallas).

WISSOTA SUPER STOCKS

Feature: Ashley Anderson, Ben Hillman, Kevin Adams, Jake Redetzke, Tom Karis, Steve Hallquist, Mike Keller, Jeff Bush, Aaron Wilson, Steve Thomas.

Heat 1: Anderson, Wilson, Bryan Nayes.

Heat 2: Adams, S. Hallquist, Hillman.

Heat 3: Redetzke, Karis, Keller.

WISSOTA MIDWEST MODIFIEDS

Feature: Jim Bourn, Dan Wheeler, Kevin Adams, Brad Hudson, Dan Svee, Travis Hallquist, Kevin Smeltzer, Mark Thomas, Bryce Johnson, Paul Clark.

Heat 1: Adams, Wheeler, Thomas.

Heat 2: Bourn, Hudson, Mark Hanson.

WISSOTA STREET STOCKS

Feature: Chris Peterson, Ron Hanestad, Joe Rhead, Troy Fransway, Butch Madsen, Jeremy Schriner, Shane Kisling, Jesse Redetzke, Brandon Baker, Randy Bradford.

Heat 1: Hanestad, Rhead, Madsen.

Heat 2: Peterson, Bradford, Fransway.

PURE STOCKS

Feature: Bobby Kaufman, Jr., Jordan Johnson, Wade Aspen, Zach Ellis, Evan Quilling, Jeremy Dahl, Mike Harshman, Sam Fankhauser, Don Field, Mike Knudsen.

Heat 1: Kevin Smeltzer, Johnson, Kaufman.

Heat 2: Aspen, Quilling, Ellis.

RESULTS

WISSOTA MODIFIEDS

Heat 1: Jeff Spacek, Phillips; Al



Jim Bourn (9) rallied late in the WISSOTA Midwest modified feature at Red Cedar Speedway on Friday and passed race leader Dan Wheeler (1) for the win.

(Chris Burback photos)

Wilson Ekes Out All Star Win at Attica

by Scott Hall

ATTICA, OH, June 26 -- Greg Wilson led only the last foot Sunday night at Attica Raceway Park in the 40-lap All Star Sprint Series Raceweek feature, as he pulled a great slide-job off turn four to pass race-long leader Bobby Clark for his second win of the season by the length of his front bumper.

Clark took the high groove to grab the initial lead before Chad Kemenah lost second spot on lap 17, when Kenny Jacobs spun into a stop and Kemenah had nowhere to go and slid into him. When the green came back out Cameron Dodson held second, but the fifth-starting Wilson slid under him for second on lap 20. Byron Reed challenged Wilson for several laps, and with four laps to go Wilson reeled in the leader in lapped traffic. Clark held

a one car-length lead on lap 38, but Wilson used a slide job to get to within striking distance on the next lap. Wilson then used a *bansai* slide job in turns 3 and 4 of the final lap to win the race to the checkered flag.

John Ivy flipped during time trials, and Rob Chaney flipped hard in the first heat. Both were okay but through for the night.

RESULTS

ALL STAR SPRINTS

Time Trials: Kelly Kinser, 12.382 secs.

Heat 1: Mark Keegan, Dale Blaney, Bobby Clark.

Heat 2: Mike Linder, Brandon Martin, Danny Smith.

Heat 3: Paul May, Chad Blonde, Dean Jacobs.

Heat 4: Lee Jacobs, Kenny Jacobs, Greg Wilson.

Dash: Chad Kemenah, Byron Reed, Wilson.

B Main: Todd Kane, Jac Haudenschild, Brock Mayes.

A Main: Wilson, Clark, Reed, Kinser, Keegan, Smith.

Cameron Dodson, Kevin Huntley, Linder, L. Jacobs.



Wayne Stricker (12s) feels the challenge from Randy Spacek (22) in the WISSOTA super stock feature Saturday night at the ABC Raceway in Ashland.

(Ken Johnson photo)

Spacek Boys, First-Timers Star at ABC

by Nick Gima

ASHLAND, WI, June 25 -- Brothers Jeff and Randy Spacek each earned feature wins Saturday night, while two other drivers collected their first-ever feature wins at the ABC Raceway during a five-division race program of 108 cars.

Older brother Jeff chased polesitter Paul Niznik for much of the first half of the fast-paced modified feature before slipping by for the lead on lap 8. Dean Yrjanainen followed Spacek's lead and closely chased him into lapped traffic, but he got caught up behind a slower car and lost valuable ground. From there Spacek cruised around the high line of the track to his first feature win of the year here and 37th of his career. Yrjanainen's second-place run moved him to the top of the points chart, as previous leader Bill Byholm dropped out with mechanical issues and finished 16th. Al Uotinen followed the leaders at a distance and took third.

Younger brother Randy Spacek pulled off his second late-race pass for the super stock feature win in as many weeks.

Spacek, who started ninth, swapped the runner-up spot with Greg Kuklinski and Todd Bonney several times behind race-long leader Wayne Stricker, until he finally secured the position in the final third of the race. Spacek then closed on Stricker but was unable to move by until, just like last week, a caution came out as the white flag was about to wave, for Scott Lawrence's overheated motor. Just after taking the green again, contact caused Stricker to bobble just enough to allow Spacek an opening, and once in front he ran away for his second win of the season and 27th of his career while strengthening his points lead.

Bonney also took advantage of Stricker's heartbreak to secure second.

The street stock feature started off with a four-wide move that put Cory Casari in front after one lap, and Casari held off Steve Anderson through a couple more restarts until, when Anderson made a move for the lead, Casari pressed too much to withstand the challenge and spun in front of the remaining field. From there newcomer Jared Loos, in his first-ever appearance here, worked the low side to pass Anderson and survive two more caution slowdowns to pull away to a three car-length win over Anderson. Trevor Wilson was in the mix for the lead until late and took third.

The other first-time winner was Kevin Eder, who pulled away from rookie Marty Passuello early and walked away with his first-ever pure stock feature win. Another rookie, Chad Carlson, held on as long as he could before dropping back to fourth behind heavy-hitters Kevin Truchon and Al Rapp, who crossed under the checkers a distant second and third, respectively. Rapp assumed the points lead with his run.

Dale Coddington appeared in victory lane for the first time this year after a hard-fought battle for the win with Pat Cook in the six-cylinder feature. Coddington threatened several times to take the lead from Cook, only to have the passes negated by yellow flags, until he finally secured the lead on lap 7 of 15 with an outside pass. Once in front Coddington pulled away for his second career win here, while Steve Stuart overtook Cook late in the run for second.

RESULTS

WISSOTA MODIFIEDS

Heat 1: Jeff Spacek, Phillips; Al

Uotinen, Superior; Scott Hudack, Ashland.

Heat 2: Kevin Monteith, Thunder Bay, Ont.; Jerry Hartman, Marenisco, MI; Bill Byholm, Glidden.

Feature: Spacek; Dean Yrjanainen, Lake Nebagamon; Uotinen; Luke Schilling, Granton; Paul Niznik, Medford; Hartman; Ross Lightner, Washburn; Hudack; Robby Bunkelman, Abbotsford; Steve Kieber, Ironwood, MI.

WISSOTA SUPER STOCKS

Heat 1: Al Uotinen, Superior; Rick Rivord, Superior; Chuck Metzger, Hayward.

Heat 2: Rick Simpson, Thunder Bay, Ont.; Ken Truscott, Greenland, MI; Greg Kuklinski, Ironwood, MI.

Heat 3: Randy Spacek, Phillips; Charlie Anderson, Ironwood, MI; Mike Duhr, Hazelhurst.

Feature: Spacek; Todd Bonney, Bayfield; Wayne Stricker, Highbridge; Kuklinski; Simpson; Rivord; Uotinen; Truscott; Duhr; Doug Woodhull, Jr., Solon Springs.

WISSOTA STREET STOCKS

Heat 1: Steve Anderson, Ironwood, MI; Cory Casari, Hurley; Bill Muhlig, Ironwood, MI.

Heat 2: Trevor Wilson, Superior; Jared Loos, Loyal; Dan Kingsley, Duluth, MN.

Heat 3: Tim Baum, Superior; Larry Haderly, Marengo; Kirk Bogdonovic, Phillips.

Feature: Loos; Anderson; Wilson; Haderly; Kingsley; Rob Weber, Bayfield; Steve Tesch, Prentice; Scott Ovaska, Marengo.

Heat 4: Greg Jaeger, Mellen; Steve Walston, Marengo; Dale Coddington, Hayward.

Feature: Coddington; Steve Stuart, Ashland; Cook; Chris Lustig, Ashland; Tesch; Jaeger; Walston; Haderly; Weber; Brent Brevak, Ashland.

PURE STOCKS

Heat 1: Jim Eliason, Ashland; Ricky Davis, Bruno, MN; Glenn Dammer, Duluth, MN.

Heat 2: Al Rapp, Duluth, MN; Kevin Truchon, Ashland; Kevin Eder, Ashland.

Heat 3: Bruce Kalmon, Ashland; Chad Carlson, Superior; Marty Passuello, Ironwood, MI.

Feature: Eder; Truchon; Rapp; Carlson; Passuello; Dammer; Davis; Tom Morinville, Duluth, MN; Don Bush, Washburn; Eliason.

Melton Wins Wild TNT Bomber Main

by Jeremy Mayo

THREE LAKES, WI, June 25 -- The finish to Saturday night's Bomber finish at TNT Speedway may be remembered and talked about for a long time.

Fifteen Bombers took the green for what was supposed to be a 15-lap feature, but six cautions plagued the event, and the race hit the time limit with only seven laps complete. Cliff Houle stayed out of all the trouble after drawing the pole position, but John Johnson had just passed Dan Melton for second before the final caution flew, setting up the green-white-checkered finish that will go down in TNT lore.

On the restart, Johnson dove to the inside on Houle for the lead, and the two raced side-by-side all the way to turn 3, where they leaned on each other and dove toward the infield. Both drivers amazingly kept their cars pointed in the right direction, but their battle opened the door for Melton, who swooped by them and stole the feature away. Wayne Nylund also got around both for second, while Johnson came home third.

There was nearly an upset in the Midwest modified feature, as Tim Frantz drew the pole position and led the first four-and-a-half laps of the feature, until Bob Richardson slipped through on the inside following a restart. Then Frantz's right-rear tire went flat on a caution with three laps to go, and that moved Jerry Grasse into second and Tim Kolehouse to third, but Richardson cruised to his first feature

victory of the season at TNT.

The streets stock feature became a battle for the win and the points lead. Lee Christjohn and Terry Stebbeds battled for both, with Christjohn taking a sizeable lead early in the feature before Stebbeds reeled him in. In the final five laps Stebbeds tried to get to Christjohn's inside, and one final attempt off of turn 4 on the final lap fell just under a car-length short. With the win Christjohn grabbed the points lead by one over Stebbeds.

The Stinger feature was cut to ten laps as a hole developed in the middle of the race track in turns 1 and 2. In the final laps Keith Troutman closed on leader Mark Rose and had the faster car, but he slid up into the hole in the middle of the track while Rose skimmed over it on the high line and won the feature. The win was the second in a row for the Stinger A's.

RESULTS

WISSOTA MIDWEST MODIFIEDS

Heat 1: Frantz; C. Schmidt; Smart.

Heat 2: Kolehouse; Richardson; Grasse.

Feature: Richardson; Grasse; Kolehouse; Maulson; Carley.

WISSOTA STREET STOCKS

Heat: Boettcher; Christjohn; Stebbeds.

Feature: Christjohn; Stebbeds; Boettcher; Shawano, Jr.; Williams.

CLS Wins to Doar, Cain, Thomas

NEW RICHMOND, WI, June 25 -- A complete five-division night of racing was on the card Saturday night at the Cedar Lake Speedway, as 120 cars checked into the pit area.

Jason Vandekamp battled with Jeff Heintz for the lead on the opening lap of the street stock feature and gained the position on lap 2. Vandekamp pulled away until the two-to-go signal came out, when a breakdown by Jeremy Schreiner brought out the caution. At the green Jim Gullikson made a move for the lead but got crossed up, and Vandekamp drove off to his first-ever feature win at CLS.

Brent Larson caught the leaders sleeping at the start of the modified feature and drove to the point. Jason Miller applied pressure on Larson by lap 8, but a lap 9 caution bunched the field, and on the restart Dave Cain used the cushion to power past the lead two. At the white, Miller made a turn 3 move to the outside on Cain, but Cain edged out Miller by half a car-length.

A first-turn pile-up to start the super late model feature brought out the caution, after which Steve Laursen used the bottom side and drove into the lead. By lap 10 Laursen had a comfortable ten car-length lead as he encountered lapped traffic, Ron Schreiner, Mike Nutzmann but the caution came out for a Jeff Patchen breakdown. Pat Doar jumped to the cushion on the restart and drove by Laursen to take the point, then pulled away and took the checkers.

As the super stock feature field completed lap 2, the caution came out to negate Mike Weber's move to the point. On the restart Dan Carlson edged away from the field as the battle

for fourth resulted in Ashley Anderson and Steve Thomas tangling. Danny Thomas took the lead away from Carlson with ten laps remaining and held on through cautions with four laps left and again on lap 18 to cruise to his first feature win since 2001.

Brandon Lampert jumped out to the early advantage in the Midwest modified feature before the caution came out for a spin on lap 5. On the restart Shawn Phillips drove by Lampert for the lead before the pace was halted by a spin, setting up a three-lap dash to the finish. Carth Mitchell held the point for the restart, and he drove off to the win by several car-lengths.

RESULTS

WISSOTA STREET STOCKS

Heat Winners: Jim Gullikson, Mark Froelich.

Feature: Jason Vandekamp, Charlie Novak, Corey Rosen, Gullikson, Froelich, Chris Peterson, Jeff Heintz, Chris Keske, Marianne Loss, Keith Tourville.

WISSOTA MIDWEST MODIFIEDS

Heat Winners: Jim Schweitzer, Mark Trog.

Feature: Carth Mitchell, Shawn Phillips, Dan Wheeler, Dane Durbin, Bryan Siercks, Jim Berglund, Scott Zavadil, Lonnie Louschke, Clark Perry, Kent Paulson.

SUPER STOCKS

Heat Winners: Rich Bishop, Ryan Wiome, Dan Carlson.

Feature: Danny Thomas, Carlson, Bishop, Mike Weber, Greg Nippoldt, Tim Borgeson, Larry Boumeister, J.B. Storts, Wiome, Joel Collins.

SUPER LATE MODELS

Heat Winners: Dave Cain, Craig Thatcher.

Feature: Cain, Jason Miller, Brent Larson, Thatcher, Dann Olson, Steve Arpin, Doug Gustafson, Dave Friendt, Tyler Keyser, Owen Grube.

MODIFIEDS

Heat Winners: Steve Laursen, Pat Doar, Joel Cryderman.

Feature: Doar, Laursen, Cryderman, Trent Follmer, Ron Schreiner, Mike Bear, Eric Breeschoten, Mike Nutzmann, Ashley Anderson, Brent Larson.



WISSOTA street stocks go three-wide at Rice Lake on Saturday night. Shown here are Jesse Redetzke (28), Joe Rhead (10) and Drew Sauer (44). (Doug Zimmer photo)

Hallquist Flies to Rice Lake Win

by Ed Reichert

RICE LAKE, WI, June 25 -- Steve Hallquist flew away from his super stock foes Saturday night at the Rice Lake Speedway and recorded his first feature win of the year here to highlight the racing action, as Eau Claire residents garnered feature wins in four of the six classes.

Hallquist led all the way with a comfortable margin that grew smaller as the race progressed. By the final lap Kori Richter dove to Hallquist's inside in an attempt to steal away the win, but Hallquist had the momentum and he took home the win.

Paul Harelstad took the initial lead in the modified feature but gave it up to Paul Knauf before the wildest wreck of the night occurred, when Tim Shackleton turned to avoid a spinning car, climbed the wall and flipped onto its roof. Shackleton climbed out uninjured, and Knauf continued to lead, but Todd Siddons worked low to power under Knauf and take over the lead. Harelstad moved to second but couldn't cut into Siddons' advantage, as Siddons became the sixth different mod winner here this season.

Duane Mahder survived a dog fight to win the late model feature, fighting off a severe challenge from Troy Kuyoth before regaining the lead at the halfway point, then holding on. Mahder took the initial lead, while Kuyoth went to the cushion to take second. Kuyoth quickly closed on Mahder and they raced side by side for several laps, trading the lead several times until a yellow waved near the halfway point for a spin. On the restart Mahder edged past

Kuyoth and built up a three car-length lead as Kuyoth's car became too tight to turn and he lost several positions late.

Mark Hanson took the early lead in the Midwest modified feature, edging away from Jeff Brauer early until Kevin Adams moved into second. After a yellow flag for a two-car tangle Adams got the jump on the restart and pulled into the lead, taking his second win of the year here.

Cory Crapser drove another strong race to take his second street stock feature in a non-stop main event. Scott Clark edged into the early lead, but Crapser moved outside and edged past Clark to take over the top spot. Jay Kesan closed on Crapser and looked to the inside a few times late in the event, but Crapser held him at bay and drove home the winner by a car-length.

Tony Luell took his second straight pure stock feature win in an event slowed four times by the yellow. Luell started on the pole and withstood strong early challenges from Josh Amans and then Bobby Kaufman, Jr., and he got a strong run on the last restart and took the win.

RESULTS

WISSOTA LATE MODELS

Feature: Duane Mahder, Rick Hanestad, John Kaanta, Adam Hensel, Troy Kuyoth, Tony Bahr, Jerry Redetzke, Mike Goodremote, Chad Mahder, Casey Minoff.

Heat 1: Kuyoth, Redetzke, Bahr, Heat 2: Hanestad, Hensel, D. Mahder.

WISSOTA MODIFIEDS

Feature: Todd Siddons, Paul Harelstad, A.J. Heuer, Paul Knauf, Jamie Bisonette, Mike Anderson (Colfax), Buddy Mayala, Shaun Kreyer, Tyler Hynes, Mike Anderson (Dallas).

Heat 1: Jason Gross, Knauf, T. Siddons.

Heat 2: Harelstad, Jed Moore.

Brian Siddons.

WISSOTA SUPER STOCKS

Feature: Steve Hallquist, Kori Richter, Cory Davis, Jake Redetzke, Todd Madsen, Rick Ellis, Don Drew, Scott Zielman, Jason Forehand, Eric Olson.

Heat 1: Redetzke, Madsen, Drew.

Heat 2: Hallquist, Richter, Davis.

WISSOTA MIDWEST MODIFIEDS

Feature: Kevin Adams, Mark Hanson, Kevin Vought, Bryce Johnson, Jeff Brauer, Tom Johnson, Jeremy Sarsland, Willy Thompson, Riley Matthews, Frank Soucek.

Heat 1: Adams, Hanson, Brauer.

Heat 2: B. Johnson, Matthews, Soucek.

WISSOTA STREET STOCKS

Feature: Cory Crapser, Jay Kesan, Scott Clark, Wayne Dean, Shane Kisling, Steve Golat, Joe Rhead, Chanda Fjorden-Nord, Butch Madsen, Jimmy Randall.

Heat 1: Madsen, Golat, Jesse Redetzke.

Heat 2: Crapser, Dean, Clark.

PURE STOCKS

Feature: Tony Luell, Bobby Kaufman, Jr., Josh Amans, Jamey Fisher, Zach Ellis, Jim Miller, Adam Soltis, Joel Hinrichs, Travis Muensch, Randy Conner.

Heat 1: Luell, Kaufman, Evan Quilling.

Heat 2: Amans, Sam Fankhauser, Ellis.

Heat 3: Hinrichs, Miller, Ryan Hensel.

Cryderman Takes Proctor LM Cash

by Jerry O'Brien

PROCTOR, MN, June 26 -- Joel Cryderman of Thunder Bay, Ont., swept the action in the late model division with a heat win and a victory in the 20-lap main event Sunday at the Proctor Speedway.

The early feature lead was taken by Jeff Provinzino, but he slipped sideways and Darrell Nelson could not avoid piling into him. Cryderman shot through on the bottom and followed John Massingill for the restart, and Massingill led for a couple of laps before Cryderman took command. The final caution flag flew for a three-car tangle, and at the green Cryderman fought off a charge by Harry Hanson and Tim McMann to win by about ten car-lengths.

Nelson was looking for a better showing in the modified main event, as he paced the field early. Nelson pulled to a straightaway lead until Rod Heitala's spin, and the final caution flag appeared when Matt Sorenson spun and stalled. In the final laps Nelson led Kelly Estey to the checkers for his first win here this season.

Jim Campbell has been racing super stocks for five years and finally made it to the winner's circle Sunday. Campbell started from the pole and led wire to wire in

the caution-free run, while Jeff Tardy settled into second and Tim Johnson ran third.

National points leader Justin Jones started the Midwest modified feature from the pole and pulled out to a strong early lead. At the halfway point Greg Chesley was chasing Jones, who looked to be on his way to an easy win until Jim Lowinski looped to bring out the caution flag. On the restart Nick Lavato sailed past Chesley and Jones and into the lead, but Miles Weske spun to negate Lavato's pass. At the green Chesley got the jump on Jones, but again Lavato got a great restart, and the three battled by the white flag. Lavato got by the leaders again for his first Mid-mod win.

Skeeter Estey took the lead in the pure stock feature until Jon McKinnon quickly moved from fifth to the lead on lap 2. The first caution flag flew for a bumper on the race track, and on lap 12 of the 15 Rob Monahan and Dustin Lunde got hooked up and spun. McKinnon comfortably led the last three laps and took the win.

RESULTS

WISSOTA LATE MODELS

Heat 1: Harry Hanson, Danny Young, Tom Nesbitt.

Heat 2: Joel Cryderman, Jeff Provinzino, Tim McMann.

WISSOTA MIDWEST MODIFIEDS

Heat 1: Greg Chesley, Nick Lavato, Joey Ogstad.

Heat 2: Riley Mathews, Al Kiminki, Miles Weske.

Heat 3: Justin Jones, E.J. Heitala, Jim Lowinski.

B Main: Wade Ziells, W. Thompson, Steve Inman.

Feature: Lavato, Chesley, Jones, Monte Hall, W. Thompson, Mathews, Mark Kangas, Ogston, Kaminki, Shawn Ziells.

PURE STOCKS

Heat 1: Skeeter Estey, Al Rapp, Glenn Dammer.

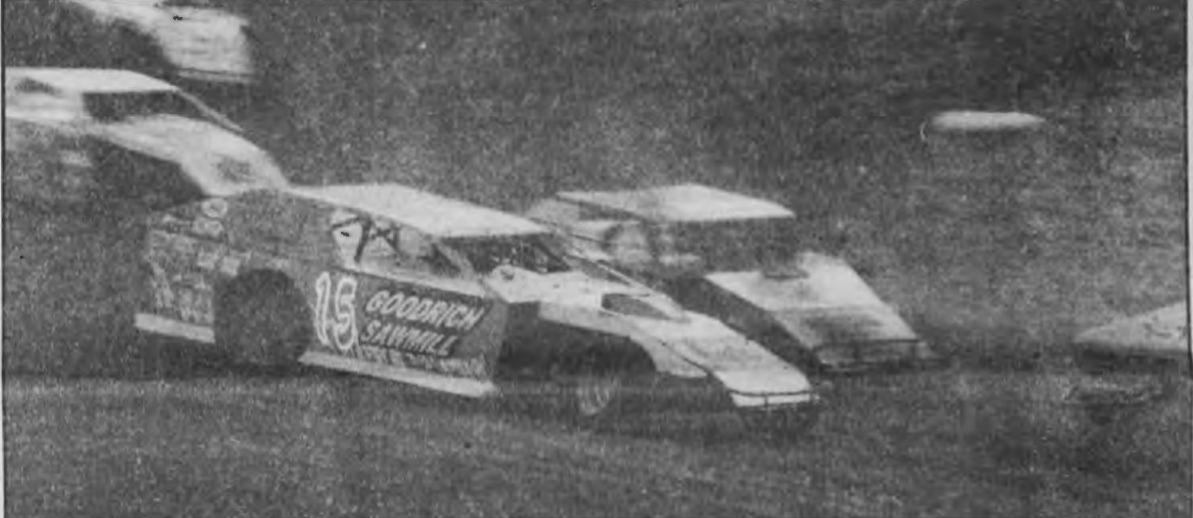
Heat 2: Scott Larsen, Dustin Lunde, Jesse Ogston.

Heat 3: Jim McClellan, Rob Monahan, Ricky Davis.

Heat 4: Nick Baker, Jon McKinnon, Cheryl Deloach.

B Main: Louis Meglen, Jason Ziells, E. Kesty.

Feature: McKinnon, Lunde, Estey, McClellan, Deloach, Baker, Dammer, Larsen, Davis, Rick Kesty.



Steve Bangart (15) battles through traffic for a position during a WISSOTA Midwest modified heat Friday night at Monster Hall Raceway in Unity. (Tom Loos photo)

Schilling, Feirn Top MHR Mains

by Chris Bunkelman

UNITY, WI, June 24 -- The Monster Hall Raceway held its mid-season championships on Friday night, with heat races lined up by point standings.

In the Midwest modifieds, Shane Halopka, Jr., capped off his night with an impressive win in the feature. Steve Bangart was a strong second, and Frank Soucek took third.

For the second time this month, Luke Schilling claimed the win in the modified feature. Jed Moore ran out front until the first caution flag flew, and on the restart he slipped high in the corner one Schilling took advantage. A late caution set up an exciting finish, but Schilling powered around the final three laps to claim another victory. Moore held on for second, followed by a hard-charging Scott Duval.

In the super stock feature Randy Spacek looked to have an easy win, but after a caution for a Justin Truscott-Jim Willner tangle Spacek was quickly passed by John Feirn and Robby Bunkelman, who raced hard through the last five laps before Feirn made his way into the winner's circle for the first time ever in his career.

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Allmendinger matched a career Series high with his second-place finish and led his first race laps of the 2005 campaign. Oriol Servia ended up third after cutting the race's fastest lap on his penultimate pit around the course.

Tracy led the 18-car field successfully through the treacherous first turn and held the point for the first 29 laps before giving the lead to Cristiano da Matta, who had pitted two laps before the rest of the field during a lap 26 caution. Like it did a week ago, the choice to use a different pit strategy paid off for da Matta, who pulled away to a 4.8-second on lap 48. But that vanished when the Brazilian suffered contact with the lapped car of Marcus Marshall, resulting in damage to

his front suspension that ended his race.

Allmendinger and Jimmy Vasser pitted during this incident, which moved both of them to the lead spots when the canary banner flew two laps later, after Bjorn Wirdheim clouted the turn 8 wall on lap 54 and the leaders raced down pit lane for service. Allmendinger led the next 19 laps while Tracy made his way around Vasser and Timo Glock to move into second after the restart. Allmendinger then gave up the lead to Tracy, who gave the point back to Alex Tagliani when he dove down pit lane for his final splash of fuel. Tagliani led the next five passes before he pitted, handing the lead back to Tracy, who kept Allmendinger at bay over the last six laps to score the victory.

Tracy Scores 30th Career Champ Car Win at Cleveland

CLEVELAND, OH, June 26 -- Paul Tracy is using the 2005 season to continue his assault on the all-time Champ Car World Series record books.

On a balmy Sunday in Cleveland, Tracy paced 46 of 91 race laps around the 2.106-mile Burke Lakefront Airport course to best protégé A.J. Allmendinger and win the Champ Car Grand Prix of Cleveland. Tracy's win was the 30th victory of his Champ Car career, making the Canadian star just the seventh driver since 1956 to win as many as 30 Champ Car races and breaking the tie for seventh that he had previously shared with Rick Mears. His win, coupled with a fifth-place finish by two-time defending Cleveland race winner Sébastien Bourdais, moved Tracy into the Series

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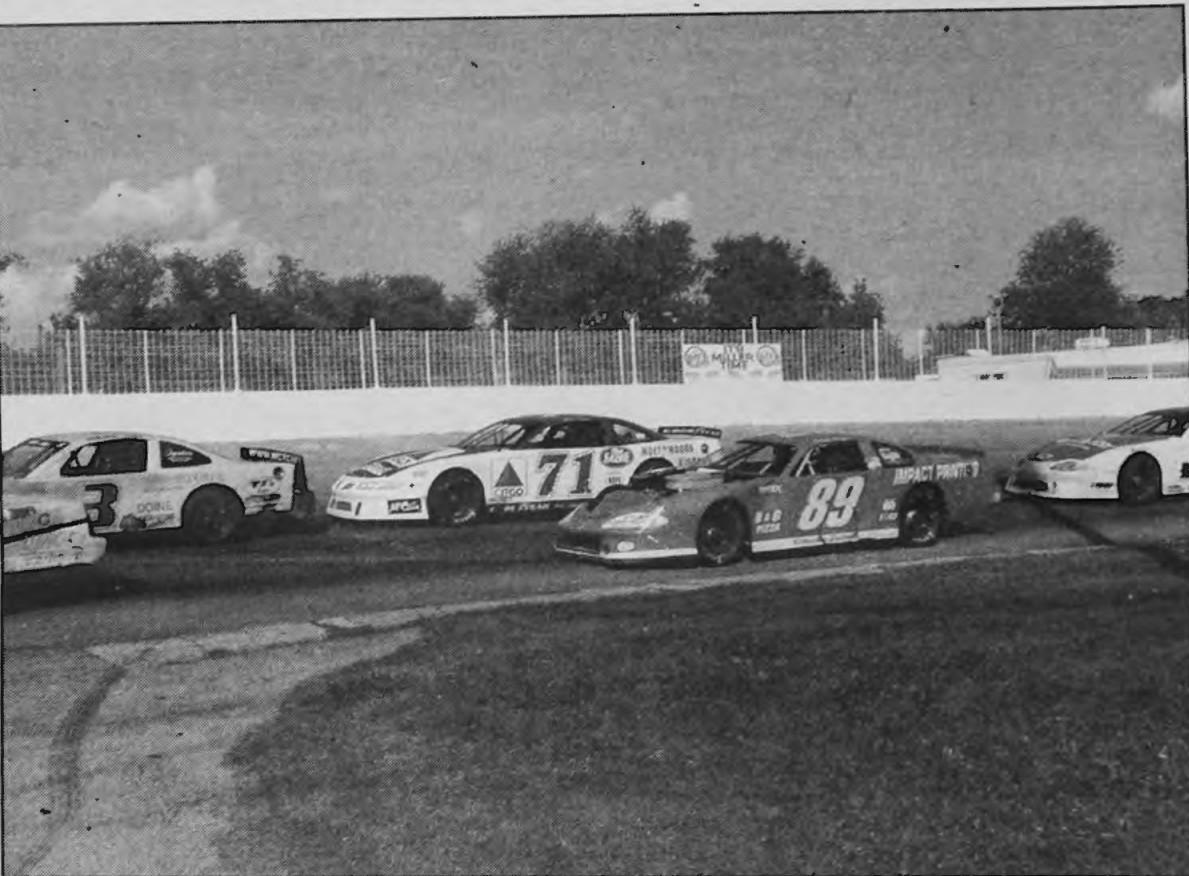


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Ramblin' 'bout Racin'



On Friday the sweltering heat kept many race fans and teams away from the track, with a threat of severe storms in the evening. Those that did come out to Columbus 151 were truly the racing diehards.

The four-cylinder Bandits were the only group that completed their racing this night, as rain began falling during the hobby stock feature. This feature and the rest of the show will be completed next week before a whole new show is started.

Street stock racer Grant Lindner races here every week, and I mean every week. "Ten years now, and I think I've only missed one," said Grant. "We raced on a Friday and I got wrecked and missed the Challenge Series race on that Sunday. The steering wheel got bent, and the rear-end was pushed over so far we had a hard time just getting it out of there."

Grant started his career in the hobby stocks before moving up to the street stocks a couple of years ago. "I'm getting faster, but so is everyone else," said Grant, as he talked about his year so far.

Street stock racer Dustin Ward won last week's division title in the two-race "Summer Rumble" between the Columbus and Jefferson tracks. Although racing mostly at Columbus recently, Dustin has raced quite a bit at Jefferson in the past. He has also done some racing on the dirt, as he said, "It was when I had my late model. It got wrecked, and I wanted to race something, so we threw together a dirt hobby stock to race at the (Beaver Dam) fairgrounds. We had fun and won a few races with it." Dustin noted that you may see him do some more racing on the dirt in the future.

Believe it or not, late model veteran Dean Schultz has also had some experience on the dirt, as he actually began his career on that type of track. "That first car was back in 1986," said Dean. "I paid eighty-five dollars for it; the engine and transmission were laying in the trunk. It was one of those deals where you take two-and-a-half-inch black pipe and have your buddy weld it in there and go at it."

Schultz's first racing was also at the fairgrounds in Beaver Dam; the next year he switched to asphalt. "I started hanging out with Mark Muller and Dennis Davidson and all those guys, and we actually started at Jefferson," he explained. "Then I started going to school in Madison, and we towed the car with

a tow bar right through Madison on (Highway) 12-18, car swaying around back there," he laughed.

Dean has become a consistent front-runner in the late models for several years now. Many wondered why he did not race at Jefferson last week after winning the feature here at Columbus, but he noted, "We said at the start of the year that we were only going to run one track. Last year we ran all over with the Wisconsin Challenge Series, and that was fun but kind of burned us out, so this year we are staying close to home."

Late model racer John Wasserburger set fast time Friday night, his first such honor. I understand John set two goals at the start of the year: set fast time and win a feature. Well, he accomplished one goal, but he never got a chance to do the other. He will have two chances this week, with the double features. John is driving well and should see the other goal accomplished soon as well.

Street stock racer Dan Schmidt has been drawing attention to himself - or at least his car, as for some reason the car has an unusual whistle sound as it motors by. I wouldn't say that it is annoying - just different. You really know when he is on the track, as it is quite distinctive. Question: What is it that is doing that? Answer: They don't know!

Saturday turned out much the same weather-wise. A sunny and somewhat cooler day gave way to an evening with a threat of severe weather. Everyone at Jefferson was told to do their best to keep the show moving, and for the most part they all really tried. The only thing that could speed these shows up any more would be to cancel any planned intermission.

On this night the International and sportsman features were completed, and 31 laps were completed in the late model main, before a group of cautions seemed to bring the rain. As it was, Luke Westenberg was the leader at this point and gets the win. Could anyone have beat him? We will never know. The rest of the show will be run the next week before another full show, for lots of racing.

Earlier in the evening I talked with late model racer Matt Frey. Matt has raced in this division for a few years but he usually doesn't chase points at all, missing a few weeks along the way. This year it is a bit different, as he said, "We missed the first two weeks because we didn't have the car done, but now we will be here every week. We're doing the whole season. I'd like to get a top-ten points finish. It won't happen this year, but maybe next year."

Matt told of his season thus far, saying, "We were pretty good right away, but we have a tendency to adjust the panhard

Charlie Spy

bar too high. We made too many changes trying to get it better, and now we are getting it back to where it was. We're not there yet, but we're getting there." Matt reports having the benefit of using his sponsor's shop over the winter, which was a big plus.

Chad Stevens not only races a late model here, but he also has an ASA late model that he races on Fridays at Madison. "It's kind of hard to adjust each night," said Chad. "I've spun out in hot laps twice already tonight," he grinned. "The turns come up so fast here (at Jefferson)." With Madison being a half-mile and Jefferson a quarter-mile, there is bound to be a bit of a different mindset required. Chad has been successful in every division and at every track he has raced during his career.

Noel Ramey is racing an ex-John Ovadal, Jr., late model this season, after spending several seasons in the tough sportsman division. Noel has worked hard to become a top runner in the sportsman division, and I'd expect the same out of him in late model equipment.

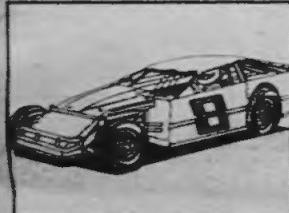
Rookie hobby stock racer Dan Gosda raced for a couple of years in the four-cylinder Bandit division, and he has now moved onto the bigger, heavier and more powerful hobby stock cars, another change that requires an adjustment on the part of the driver. "I can keep up with everyone, but it is a lot harder to pass. I'm having fun, though," said Dan.

Earlier in this column I talked about Dan Schmidt's whistling sportsman car. I talked to Dan on Saturday night, and he noted that they finally found the cause. "It was the fan," he explained. "I had a 17-inch fan on there, and it was too close to the shroud. I switched to a 15-inch fan and (the noise) went away. Now it runs hotter, though. The whistle was annoying - I thought it was a vacuum leak or something. I could hear it inside the car, even."

It is interesting watching the Riedner brothers race each other. Brandon has raced for a few years now and is the veteran of the two, while younger brother Kyle just started this year. Both are currently racing each other in the Bandit division, while Brandon waits on a motor for his sportsman car. Kyle out-qualified his older brother Saturday night, so I joked with him that he might have to start taking notes from Kyle. "I'd quit before I would do that," joked Brandon while rolling his eyes. Never a dull moment in the Riedner household.

Dave Ryan was present with his hobby stock Saturday night. Last year his car was painted to resemble a panda bear; this year it is a polar bear. Dave always has a lot of fun with his cars, and with racing in general.

Reichert's Ramblings



On Tuesday, June 21, the USMTS modifieds made their first stop of a three-day swing through northeastern Wisconsin and its first-ever visit to the Langlade County Speedway in Antigo, with open stock cars also on the schedule.

Thirty-six mods were on hand for the race, including 12 USMTS traveling regulars - considerably more than the number that had finished a swing through the Dakotas, but still considerably less than were following the USMTS schedule earlier. I guess the rigors of a long racing season already, plus some drivers becoming involved in local track points races, have taken their toll.

The big red clay half-mile was slick and dusty - a marked departure from its normal condition, probably due to the day's high temperatures. Despite the unusual conditions, it didn't take the "dirty dozen" long to figure things out, and the top seven in the final finish and eight of the top ten were USMTS regulars. These guys are experts at what they do and have very strong equipment, and a tough task it is to beat them, even with strong regulars like the Mullen, Mashl, Wedelstadt, etc.

USMTS points leader Kelly Shryock got tagged for a first-laps yellow and was sent to the tail of the 24-car field. Obviously miffed, he came flying through the field and advanced to fifth with only one yellow to help his cause.

The only WISSOTA entries were Robby Bunkelman, in Paul Niznik's car, and Chris Oertel. This was rather expected but still somewhat disappointing. Mostly it was the same old story - tires. The WISSOTA boys weren't interested in buying American Racers for one to three nights of racing. It's amazing how hamstrung our sport has become over the issue of tires, when the spectators who pay the freight for our sport could care less - as long as each car has no more or less than four!

Bunkelman got run over and spun by another car during his B-feature, and he got some fire in his eyes and drove back up into a qualifying spot by using the risky high line.

Despite a rather small field of stock cars, they put on an entertaining feature race, as Rod Snellenberger held off Junior Karcz after they took turns laying on each other's rear quarter-panels.

USMTS head Todd Staley reported that he has inked a race at the new state-of-the-art track just opened this year in Fort Dodge, IA.

On Wednesday, June 22, the USMTS continued their swing with a stop at Thunderhill Raceway in Sturgeon Bay. Ryan Ruter and Jason Krohn were adding to the list of travelers, plus more of the locals showed up to raise the field to 46 cars. More spectators were on hand, and the overall excitement level seemed higher than on Tuesday.

It certainly helped that the local drivers were more competitive, as Sean Jerovetz, Nick Anvelink, Jeremy Jacobs and Felix Dart all started in the front five rows of the feature. Jerovetz came from the back of his heat to win, and Dart, obviously the local favorite, brought the crowd to its feet when he passed Brad McEwan to win his heat.

When all was said and done, however, the USMTS regulars still brought home the big bucks. Jon Tesch found the second groove and drove around the early leaders for the win. Anvelink fought hard with Tesch for many laps, and it was fun watching them race wheel to wheel, both on the edge of control, until Tesch pulled away. Anvelink is certainly one of the brightest

young talents to hit this area in many years, and he seems comfortable driving any type of car. Shryock made another charge tonight after starting ninth and put late pressure on Tesch. If Shryock ever starts toward the front, he'll be unbeatable.

I got a chance to talk to Tommy Myer about the big crash he was involved in at Deer Creek Speedway that sent four drivers to the hospital and totaled a number of cars. Tommy had no second thoughts about returning behind the wheel of a race car and said he would have raced the following night if he physically could have. He did admit that he was very lucky - had the hit on the back of his driver's seat been inches more to the left, he'd have probably broken his back, or worse. The only thing holding the back clip onto the car after the hit were the battery cables and brake lines.

The stock cars put on a good non-stop 25-lap feature, with Junior Karcz again finishing runner-up, this time behind the rim-riding Shawn Kilgore.

If you haven't yet, a visit to Thunderhill is a necessity. This uniquely-shaped track is almost a circle, and after the dust blows off there are two distinctly different lines around the track that can be used. Some drivers choose to run tight against the inside tires, while another group puts their cars in a powerslide basically all the way around the track. Kevin Adams and Paul Harelstad would love running the high side here. When the cars are in what would normally be called turn 4, they are actually pointing straight toward the grandstand. It's certainly interesting and different to watch.

Tom Wagner was one of the announcers on Wednesday, and while he doesn't announce regularly at any track any more, he is the substitute at a whole variety of tracks throughout the region. I must confess that I had never heard Tom work before, but I thought he did a great job mixing facts and humor throughout the show, and I enjoyed listening to him very much.

The USMTS generates its heat race line-ups on a computer and then prints off lists which show the drivers' starting positions and hometowns. They then sell them for a buck, and they go like hot cakes. There must be other tracks that use computers as well, and I think it would be a great addition if they would also make the line-ups available. People can't always hear the announcer, and a line-up sheet like this is a nice thing for the fans to get a hold of.

The USMTS wrapped up its three-day swing through northeastern Wisconsin on Thursday, June 23, at the Luxemburg Speedway. This is the heart of modified racing in northeastern Wisconsin, and 50 cars were on hand to do battle on a blistering hot night, with a hurricane wind blowing to boot. It was a challenge for even the "Dirt Doctor" - track prep man Bobby Marquis - to keep moisture in this track.

What I like about the eastern Wisconsin tracks is that they are always ready to race on when the cars are called for hot laps; no track-packing is required by the race cars. That's something we seem to expect from our cars on this side of the state, and with the price of fuel and the amount of dirt that is carried off the track by the cars, it seems the least a track could do is to provide enough vehicles to wheel-pack the track so the race cars don't have to.

This was my first visit to Luxemburg, and the shape and size of the track and the way the cars ran it reminded me very much of Hibbing (MN) Raceway. The main difference is that the surface is red clay at "the 'Burg," and the facility itself is in much better condition.

Of the tracks I'm familiar with in the eastern part of the state (Oshkosh, Luxemburg, Seymour, Sturgeon Bay, Shawano,

Manitowoc and Antigo), all have fine grandstand facilities at their fairgrounds and seem superior to the seating arrangements at most tracks on the western side of the state.

Once again, much mileage was made of the rivalry between the USMTS invaders and the local stars. Locals looked good early, as Felix Dart won a heat and Sean Jerovetz, Jeremie Hedrick, Dave Zeitzer and Benji LaCrosse joined Dart in the first five rows of the feature. LaCrosse was running second when he broke, and some of the other locals ran strong for a while, but again the top eight at the finish were USMTS regulars, with Mike Mashl and Jerovetz breaking up the train.

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The Infield



Another weekend of traveling and racing is now in the books, and I can't help thinking that it just seemed like last weekend when we were all standing at the Dodge County Fairgrounds freezing our butts off for the sake of getting the racing season underway. I will admit, though, that at least this past weekend the temperatures were a little more tolerable, and as such, so were some of the attitudes. You know, the government has spent millions of our tax dollars to figure out something that they could have learned by simply having some people travel on the road with a group of racers for a while. People's tempers and poor attitudes are directly related to the temperatures and lack of sleep. What a concept! Now, if I can just figure out how I can get a government grant for that one, we'd all be better off in the sport.

Anyway, those that were at Superior witnessed that the track that awaited the sprints was far from ready. Before anyone gets all defensive and gets mad at me thinking that I am blasting anyone at Superior - don't! Whatever the reason was, I don't really care. The fact is, it wasn't race ready for sprints, but the folks there did take action and learned from the incident. That is what's important here.

I have said it before and I'll continue to say it: aside from putting your butt out there on the line, actually promoting a race is, without a doubt, one of the most costly and most un-nerving efforts in the sports industry. Not only do you have to worry about the weather and if you are going to sell enough tickets to just break even, but there is no way to win when dealing with competitors and fans. It's enough to make you want to go find a closet somewhere and lock yourself in it until the lights go out, only then wondering who stuck around looking for you. Then factor in other variables, like track preparation, advertising, marketing and sponsorship. Is there any wonder promoters are trying to do whatever they can to make sure they are covered in all situations? Put yourself in their shoes. Like the Good Book says, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone." Okay, who out there has done it and still wants to complain? Yeah, I didn't think there would be any stones flying after that.

What I can tell you is that Superior promoter Chris Stepan did do whatever was in his power, including making a few decisions that made me sit up and take notice and gave me more respect for him and his situation at Superior. Hopefully, one day, the powers that be up there will all figure out that, in order to make this work, they will all have to work together more. It's a lesson that needs to be spread out to other venues as well.

Deer Creek was an interesting visit as well. The folks there were very friendly and accommodating, and there is a lot of pride in what they have going on there. You can see it in the facility and in the way they operate it. The only issue that came up all night was a threat of rain, which (and I thought this was really great) was clearly visible in the press booth via a continuous weather radar loop. When the cell approaching the track was identified, the word went out to get things moving as quickly as possible, and so it happened. No bull; just a good "let's

get it done" attitude that led to a great show for the fans. Yeah, there was a little disappointment in the waiving of the four-abreast parade lap, but with the storm cell approaching (and you have to go by what you see in this situation) they had to do whatever was necessary to get the show in - a lesson reinforced the night before. (See how this all ties together?)

That disappointment was quickly replaced by energy - the kind of energy you experience from watching four or five cars go at it for the top spots for over half a race, racing literally inches from one another at record speeds at a facility they had never even seen before. Everyone was pushing the limit right to the edge of the envelope. That envelope closed only at the checkered flag, containing the memories and experiences of a show like no other the track had seen before. And despite the few drops that did fall, the lack of rain meant that fans could spend some quality time with their newfound heroes in the pit area.

Another weekend in the books. Another weekend closer to cold weather and October.

Notes and news from the Infield: Mike Reinke was on hand this weekend, thrilling the crowds with his rim-riding style that has earned him the nickname "Mr. Excitement." The problem with running that close to the wall, though, is that sometimes the wall reaches out and bites. Such was the case on Friday night, and after moving as high as second, his right-rear tire finally gave out as a result of earlier contact with the turn 4 wall. On Saturday night Reinke went right back to the top, showing everyone behind him the way around the new facility. This time the car didn't stick as it entered the turn, and it sent him around and to the rear with just a handful of laps to go. Undaunted, he battled back for an 11th-place finish in five laps, but more importantly no one can say that Mike wasn't doing anything in his power to get the job done.

Joe Roe also had a much better weekend than at Cedar Lake previously. At Superior on Friday night he tested a new wing modification for his new sponsor, which he credits with enabling him to stick to the bottom of the track enough to move forward. Whatever the reason, it was working, as he was one of the few moving forward at the end of the race. Although Saturday night was not as productive, Roe commented that he still did better with that finish in the end than with the good finish the previous weekend. Anytime you can roll your car into the trailer, it's better than rebuilding it.

Scott Young was another driver that didn't get much sleep this week, having rebuilt the number 3 after damage as a result of his turn 3 crash at CLS. "We had to replace a down tube and a lot of other stuff from that and then make a trip to Sedalia (MO) on top of everything else this week," stated Young before action got underway on Friday night. Good runs this weekend will hopefully enable him and the team to get a little more sleep this week.

Speaking of lack of sleep, Ryan Irwin wasn't and will not be getting much sleep in the immediate future. After working until 10:30 Friday morning repairing the car from a crash the previous weekend, the team loaded up and headed north, only to have the transmission fail on the tow vehicle just five minutes from the track. "A local fan hooked us up, and she pulled our

Paul Pittman

trailer to the track for us so we could race while I took the truck to a repair shop," stated Irwin, who publicly thanked her for her assistance. Then, a local driver who competes when the IRA is at Superior, Leigh Thomas, offered to store the team's hauler until the truck is repaired and they can pull it home. In the meantime, Fred Ebler hauled the car to Deer Creek so that Ryan could compete Saturday. In the middle of all of this, Irwin posted his best finish yet in Friday night's A-main, a ninth.

Johnny Parsons III stopped in at Deer Creek to compete on Saturday night. Parsons, who traded his USAC success for a career move to southern Minnesota, has been running his own WISSOTA 360 and couldn't pass up the chance to run in a show at a track so close to home. "We brought our knife to the gun fight," stated Parsons, "but we felt, with this show so close and the fact that the weather has kept us from doing much racing at all this season, we needed to be here for this. We want to have some fun, that's all."

Matt Folstad had the type of weekend he would rather forget. Superior marked one of the few shows so far where the rookie-of-the-year contender failed to finish in the top ten. Then, to add insult to injury, his just-freshened powerplant let go during Saturday's A-main. "There's a real big hole in that (motor)," stated Folstad. "We just put it in this weekend because our other one needs freshening, so we'll have to make some calls this week to have something ready for next weekend. We'll get something put together and be there, though."

John Sernett posted two third-place finishes in a row (CLS and Superior) despite a blown high-pressure hose in his power steering unit. "We gotta get this fixed," stated Sernett on Friday. "It's getting real hard to drive that thing out there this many laps without power steering." After setting a new track record on Saturday night at Deer Creek, Sernett stated that, because of the damaged lines, the steering gear was also now defective as a result of little or no fluid. Imagine his performances with a 100-percent car. John's gratitude to his new sponsor is also very heartfelt. After years of running the operation on his own, the help he is receiving is already showing. "I can't say enough about (the sponsor) and their support," stated Sernett. "They have really made the difference between coming out here and just running and being competitive again. This feels so good to know we can do this."

Travis Whitney's jumpstart at Cedar Lake directly lead to serious success this past weekend, becoming the eighth different winner and first to win back-to-back in 2005. "It's nice," Whitney said with a newfound smile. "My dad really hit on the set-ups, and it's taken me a little time to get the fire lit in me as well, so hopefully now we can keep it going. I think I was being a little too conservative at the start of the year and I got sick of it, so I'm gonna run the thing hard!"

Well, I am going to leave with this. There was a lot more going on in the pit area on both nights but, to be honest, to document it all would more than likely take up more of your time than you actually have, and I'm sure someone is beating down the door to use the facilities, anyway. Next we'll be at the Sheboygan County Fair Park on Saturday night, and then at the Luxemburg Speedway on July 3. See you there.

North Tundra Racing Beat



It appears that the weather gods have smiled on us here in the Northland for another weekend, as we are three-quarters of the way through as of Sunday and have yet to be rained out. Hopefully that won't have put a curse on us for the Russ Laursen Classic at Superior on Monday. (Since this race is scheduled after the CFRN deadline on Monday, we will fill everyone in on the good stuff next time.)

On Thursday night we caught up with Interstate Racing Association president Steve Sinclair for our radio show, and he gave us some insight as to what to expect from his traveling speed circus when they visited the Superior Speedway on Friday.

The real racing began on Friday with the IRA sprints headlining the program at Superior. Twenty-five cars made the trip down from the usual 30-plus, most likely since some teams were still trying to recover from the previous weekend, when they raced two straight days and tore up a lot of equipment. Still, the IRA is number one in bringing along its championship chase travelers. Out of that 25 cars, almost all of them were IRA regulars, with only local driver - Leigh Thomas - joining them. Of that number, at least four of them came out of the WISSOTA ranks, including Friday's winner, Travis Whitney, John Sernett, John's brother Tim Sernett and leading IRA rookie Matt Folstad.

After time trials the track officials (under pressure, I suspect) refilled the track, which backed up the starting time. For a change the weather had been so hot (94 degrees on Thursday and in the mid-80s Friday) that it was nearly impossible to keep the track wet, though they watered almost steadily for two days. WISSOTA modifieds and super stocks and the track's pure stocks were also on the card, which made for a long program. Given the late start, the pure stocks are going to have to come back on July 1 and run double features.

There was a good car count in the other divisions, with the super stocks leading the way with 32. That is average for a Friday here, as was the mod count with 25. The pure stocks

brought in 22, so the "support classes" showed up well.

With apologies to the sprinters, in my estimation the 20-lap mod feature was the best race of the night. Bill Byholm, Kelly Estey, Tyler Keyser and Darrell Nelson put on a show and no one had time to take a breath, as the race went flag to flag without a caution. I won't say there weren't a few near-misses, but it was a great event. Byholm took the win, his third feature win in two weeks, as he had won two features the previous weekend at the ABC Raceway during their mod triple header.

The super stocks, on the other hand, were at their worst, as it took them six tries to get in their first feature lap and had the feature cut down to ten laps as it was really getting late. If they had been able to get going, no doubt we could have gotten the pure stock feature in.

When they finally got going without wadding up a bunch of cars each time the green flag flew, it actually turned out to be a pretty competitive event. Jay Kuras looked as though he might win his first-ever feature here, but Rick Simpson decided he'd like to take some American dollars back to Canada and took the win.

Scott Lawrence must have had a huge rabbit's foot in his pocket, as he was in one of the big wrecks. They had to drag four other cars away from him, as he was pinned against the wall behind them, but much to my surprise, when the last car was towed away, Scott fired 'er up and drove away, lined up and raced to third.

As to the "wingnuts," it was all Whitney, who probably has four wins here. When nine-time IRA champion Joe Roe first came here to Superior he had trouble adjusting to this track, but in recent years he has it figured out. Roe started outside the sixth row and just worked and worked until he was in position to blast by John Sernett to take second on the last lap. Though there were four caution flags during the feature, no one got upside down - unlike the previous weekend.

I felt sorry for Fred Ebler, who towed all the way to Superior only to be unable to qualify. Speaking of qualifying, since the track was so dry during qualifying, Donny Goeden's track record, set in 1999 at 12.958 seconds, was not in jeopardy, as fast time went to IRA points leader Scotty Nietzel with a 16.574-second lap.

Jerry O'Brien

Even though things didn't exactly go smoothly, it was still a pretty good show. Hopefully the next visit by the IRA in September will go better.

On Saturday night we took ourselves over to Ashland for their weekly show. I guess it was the night to have the number 22, as Jeff Spacek won the modified feature, his brother Randy won the super stock feature after a last-lap pass on Wayne Stricker, and Kevin Eder won the pure stock feature - all winning cars wearing the number 22. Then first-time visitor Jared Loos won the street stock feature ... no, not 22, but number 44. Dale Coddington was the only one to win in an odd-numbered car, number 73.

On Sunday night at the Proctor Speedway, we had what we've been working toward all season - an early night. There were "only" 114 cars in five divisions by my count, and we got started on time and, despite some short delays for the "R" word, we were done racing while it was still light. I believe the final checkered flag fell a few minutes after 9 pm.

We saw two first-time winners, one in the division he now runs and one who has worked five years in the same division to win his first. Nick Lavato of Duluth took advantage of a late-race caution flag to take the measure of national points leader Justin Jones and Greg Chesley to win his first Midwest modified feature. He also won a couple in the pure stocks.

The other driver to win his first feature was Jim Campbell of Two Harbors, MN, who has raced in super stocks for all five of his years in racing. He was dominant in his win, and he also won his heat for a sweep.

It is so nice to see new winners, as it gets old seeing the same drivers win over and over. Perhaps it will bring back fans if they see that the perennial winners can be beaten.

The track conditions were perfect, and the reason - other than the hard work Johnny Johnson and his crew put in grooming it - is the cool damp weather we've had, which kept the track moist and tacky and made for some great side-by-side battles.

With that having been said, that's all for this time from here on the tundra.

Castroneves Climbs Fence at Richmond

RICHMOND, Va., June 25 - Helio Castroneves scored his first victory and executed his first trademark fence-climb of 2005 with a victory in Saturday's SunTrust Indy Challenge at Richmond International Raceway.

Castroneves, who started on the outside of the front row, led the final 100 laps on the 0.75-mile D-shaped oval and defeated Dario Franchitti by 0.558 of a second for his seventh career IndyCar Series victory. Patrick Carpenter, who started a season-high fourth, finished a season-best third. Tomas Scheckter moved from 19th on the starting grid to a fourth-place finish. Dan Wheldon

increased his points lead on teammate Tony Kanaan to 83 after seven of 17 events with a fifth-place run.

Castroneves, who led 112 laps, grabbed the lead for good when he reversed the running order with Franchitti during a caution-period stop for fuel and tires on lap 149, then held off Franchitti in a final-lap shootout after a caution on lap 242, after the cars of Darren Manning and Roger Yasukawa made contact with each other and the turn 2 outside retaining wall.

Kanaan, the reigning Series champion, had his streak of races completed and at 26 when he

made contact with the car driven by Vitor Meira on lap 145. The last DNF for Kanaan was in August 2003 at Nazareth (PA) Speedway.

The Series continues on July 3 at Kansas Speedway. The next IRL Monarchs Infiniti Pro Series race is on July 16 at Nashville Superspeedway.

RESULTS

IRL INDYCAR SERIES

1-19: Helio Castroneves, Dario Franchitti, Patrick Carpenter, Tomas Scheckter, Dan Wheldon, Alex Barron, Tomas Enge, Bryan Herta, Kosuke Matsuura, Danica Patrick.

11-20: Buddy Rice, Ed Carpenter, Jimmy Kite, A.J. Foyt IV, Darren Manning, Roger Yasukawa, Scott Sharp, Sam Hornish, Jr., Tony Kanaan, Vitor Meira.

21-22: Ryan Briscoe, Scott Dixon.

Miller Takes First Career NARA LM Win at Belleville

BELLEVILLE, KS., June 24 - Matt Miller of Waterville, OH, captured his first career NARA Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series win on Friday night at the Belleville High Banks. Miller dominated the last half of the Belleville race to become the 11th different winner in 15 Series events in 2005.

Round & Around



Things really heated up for the 11th visit of NASCAR's Truck Series to The Milwaukee Mile on Friday night. The thermometer reached 101 degrees as we approached the historic oval in Wisconsin State Fair Park. Last year our own Ted Musgrave won an unprecedented second race here after setting a new qualifying record. On Friday, 13th in qualifying order brought Musgrave quick time, until Dennis Setzer, Brendan Sprague and Jack Sprague eclipsed his mark. Sprague actually tied Musgrave's record, so it will stay intact for another year.

Earlier, 20 Grand National vintage cars ran a 25-lap race. An interesting mix of restored cars from the past, the field also includes vintage racer Vaughn Gerke. At age 72, Gerke came from the last row to third before exiting with problems. Chris Loberg, who also began in the last row, won in the restored Bemco car of his Minnesota hero when he was a child.

Bodine and Chad Chaffin switched mounts, with Chaffin's number changed to 60 from the former 66. "But I'm still in a Toyota," said Chaffin, "so it's all good." Not so good was the spin of teammate Shige Hattori, ending his hopes of making the field. Kelly Sutton's hopes also ended at the concrete, and the 40th entry never ran one lap. Deborah Renshaw's practice crash send her to the care center that afternoon, but she was back to qualify. We spotted David Stremme trying out the seat in the interim.

Last fall Justin Allgaier raced a dirt late model at Knoxville, IA, but Friday the Illinois teen was joined by another 19-year-old, as Nick Tucker took the wheel of the Brevak Racing truck. Still in racing after 33 years, Wisconsin's Bob Brevak quit competing to manage this team with wife Shelly.

Bobby Dotter also stopped driving to manage the team trucks of Green Light Racing, piloted by Badger Staters Rich Bickle, Jr., and Chris Wimmer. Both made the field, even though Bickle claimed the truck was "loose, real loose." Local racer Scott Null broiled in his black Bickle team uniform Friday before returning to his own race schedule. Parents Ron and Joan Wimmer were at The Mile with Chris while keeping track of Scott in California's NASCAR Cup event. Wisconsin's Todd Kluever won the coveted Roush truck ride and tells me his future with Roush looks good for next year. Tim Fedewa is a Michigan native, but he raced here extensively in the old ASA series. We had only a short time to catch up on news before Fedewa, a recent newlywed, served as honorary best man for the infield wedding and renewal of vows for 20 couples.

Dennis Setzer found the term "hot foot" too true, one of several who suffered burned feet from the sizzling floor temperatures, but the victory lane champagne may have eased the pain a bit. During interviews and photos, a geyser suddenly



Johnny Sauter meets the press after the Busch Series race Saturday.



Tim Fedewa (r) acts as honorary best man for Milwaukee Mile weddings.

spurted from Setzer's overflow pipe and landed on a cameraman. The safety crew quickly took him for treatment. Lightning rivaled the fireworks at race's end, and suddenly it was all over. With temps nearly 20 degrees cooler, the fans were treated to quite a night. The rain that avoided The Mile landed at our house instead. The next day Ron Hornaday, Jr., and Martin Truex, Jr., would come back for more.

Saturday was 20 degrees cooler but much more humid when we returned to The Mile for the NASCAR Busch Series race. The full house cheered quick timers Reed Sorenson, then Truex, Aaron Fike, and finally Johnny Sauter. Fourteen entries had no provisional guarantees, including second-generation racers Tim Sauter and Bryan Reffner, who had to await their fate. Confused fans swarmed some drivers, ignored others, and some thought I was an information station. Former Dick Trickle crew chief Vic Getzloff was helping Tim Sauter's team this weekend, and he has lost a lot of weight since the days when he was "the human jack." He tells of his brother, hospitalized since April with complications after bypass surgery, and our hearts go out to him. We also heard that retired Rich Somers had also been hospitalized, and John Reiser had medical problems. Suddenly we're in a high-risk group, and we are praying for all these race veterans.

We met Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle before he served as honorary starter for the SBC 250. John Menard may run an empire, but he was here as another parent watching his kid. Also in attendance was local actor Brad Weber, who portrayed Alan Kulwicki in the film, "Dare To Dream." Local TV sports-caster Lance Allen doesn't use his last name, one his father often saw misspelled when he raced Wisconsin's dirt tracks. Jim Sauter missed his youngest son's historic achievement, but we didn't.

Johnny Sauter became the first Wisconsin native to win a Busch race at The Mile in the 15 events here. When told this, Sauter declared, "It's huge to me because I know who raced here," then recited a list of drivers, including his father, Trickle, and Joe Shear, whose son was key to the winning car's set-up. "I never believed in a million years we'd dominate like we did," stated Sauter, adding that Joe Shear, Jr., may keep the set-up a secret even from him. "I've never won a race like this," declared Sauter. "I wish we could have had it play out. I hate that I didn't bring my truck and do it two nights in a row. Last week I was contemplating retiring and was thinking, 'What would I do if I won this race?' I decided I'd do an Alan Kulwicki lap."

Dean Strom recently left the NASCAR Touring Series to spend more time with his family, substituting The Mile's events instead. Strom hosted the post-race interviews, ending with his recollection of watching races from the infield in 1999 with young Sauter. "In 1999 I wasn't driving anything," recalled the

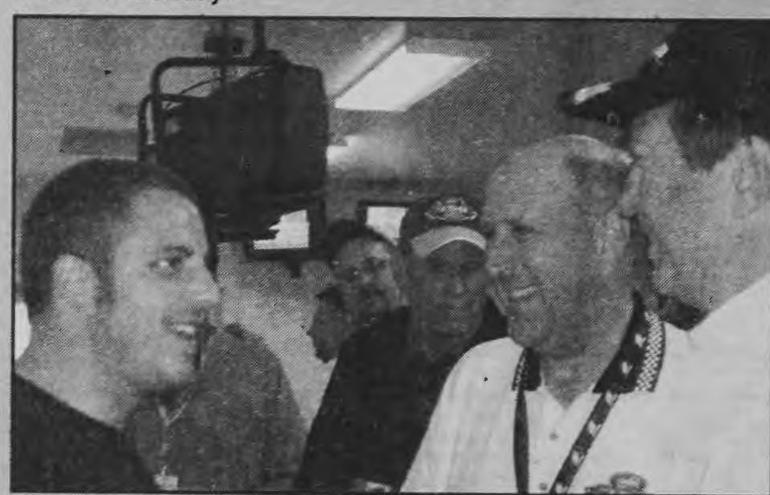
Fay Hendricks

victor. "I came here to watch my brother. That's when I met Cary Agajanian," which led to his first ride.

Truex was runner-up when the rain landed and was planning on a late-race charge. "Looking back, I wish we would have put tires on during the last caution," he reflected. "I don't dislike this track any more."

Paul Menard was charging through to the top before rain stalled his progress at third place. "There's a lot of motivation coming home," he declared. "We tested here last week." When asked about his father in attendance, Menard claimed, "He comes to a lot of them. There's a lot of family here. I don't think he can afford to come to all my races. He goes through a pair of shoes each time."

We left in pelting rain that ended our summer drought, happy to have seen so much. Thanks to The Milwaukee Mile's staff and volunteers for everything. The Mile's PR man, Jim Tretow, will have little time to catch up on sleep before hosting his radio show on Monday.



Johnny Sauter (l) meets with Wisconsin Governor Doyle and John Menard (r) during the NASCAR race weekend at The Mile. (Fay Hendricks photos)

Sunday began somewhat comfortable, then rapidly turned hot and humid, and clouds moved in by late afternoon. At Slinger there were several empty spots in the pits, but the level of competition was no less intense. All 33 late models timed in under 12 seconds, prompting announcer Todd Behling to comment that this may be a first in the 20 years he's been here. There was a 0.145-second separation of the feature field, with 11 cars inverted.

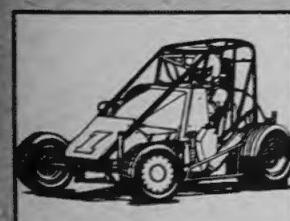
The lucky 13 of Austin Konetski worked as he took over to the end of the 70-lap contest. His first win of the year at Slinger, Konetski declared, "All year we've had a good car. There's just so many good racers here."

Wes Biswell didn't have a great qualifying time but ended up at the top the rest of the night. Defending champ Dale Prunty took top time honors and runner-up in the feature to gain more valuable points.

The Thunder stocks had one caution slow things as Rick Schaefer led the entire event. By this time the scoreboard had blanked out and the cloud cover had taken on a strange look. The Slinger Bees finished their first event, with Bob Losiniecki on his roof with flames erupting. Both fire and the driver were out quickly, and the second contest ended in the normal way. The skies then opened up before the speedway's guest cars could begin their race, also cancelling the sportsman feature and remaining fields. Before 9 pm most people were on their way home after watching over 100 cars. No complaints.

Next week has more racing adventures in store.

Broadsiding the Speedways



Brad Kuhn, Zach Leake and Jimmie Light were the top winners in Thursday's USAC midget races at the Indianapolis Speedrome. It was the initial win of the season for all three drivers.

Kuhn took the lead on lap 8 from Adam Schuyler to score his win in the USAC regional 50-lapper. He placed second twice before in the series this year. Placing second was Andrew Burnett, followed by Adam Schuyler, Mel Kenyon and Nick Bohanon. The third-place showing by Schuyler was very impressive.

Heat winners were Lee Stark, Schuyler and Bohanon. Adam Nuetzel escaped injury after a flip on lap 45 of the feature.

Leake won the 50-lap Kenyon Car feature. Trailing were Miranda Throckmorton, Jonathan Hendrick, Brent Beauchamp and Thomas Hennigan. Hard luck driver of the evening has to be Alison MacLeod, who led the initial 28 circuits only to be sidelined by mechanical problems. MacLeod also led the opening laps last week.

Heat wins went to Jordan Pennington and Beauchamp.

The Ford Focus wind-up 50-lapper went to Light, over Kevin Studley, Jamie Williams, Jodi Meyers and Michael Cox. Heat wins went to Light and Rex Norris, who took a frightening flip down the homestretch but appeared to be uninjured.

Spectating at the Speedrome were Paul Koebeler and Jean Hunter, key personnel at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Ron Gregory of Noblesville, IN, scored his initial feature win in the USAC National sprint car division at the Richmond (VA) International Raceway on June 24. He was followed by Michael

Lewis, who led laps 1-41; Dave Steele, Marc Jessup and Levi Jones. Bobby Santos III led laps 42-54, and Gregory led laps 55-60.

Fast qualifier was Bobby East, who actually finished first in the 60-lap grind but his car failed to pass the post-race technical inspection.

Fast qualifier Dave Steele of Tampa, FL, won the USAC Silver Crown feature on the June 24-25 weekend at Richmond, VA. He led from start to finish to score his second win of the season. Behind Steele at the checker were Brian Tyler, Michael Lewis, Bud Kaeding and Bobby Santos III.

Paul Leisure and Jason Willis scored feature wins in UMRA TQ action at the Rushville (IN) Fairgrounds on June 24-25. Following Leisure on Friday night were Kyle Lux, Rick Robinson, A.J. Nigh, Ronnie Combs, Jason Willis, Oogie Goff, Will Nedderman, Chad Hankins and Kenny Byrne. The semi went to Scott Petry and the four heats went to Oogie Goff, Bobbie Walton, Bruce Lloyd and Kevin Alford. Terry Goff escaped injury after a flip in the feature event.

Behind Willis on Saturday were Byrne, Terry Goff, Combs, Nigh, Carey Goff, Petry, Joey Paxton, Walton and Pat Wolfe. Winning the semi was Andrew Prather, and heat winners were Lux, Wolfe, Terry Goff and Willis.

A very exciting program of speedway motorcycle racing was presented at the Indianapolis National Speedway on June 25. Winning the three division features were R.C. Truan, John Greeley and Todd Eads.

Division 3 (novice) was won by Truan, over Rod Cowell, Barry Benkert and Mark Sheets. During the four heat races

Crocky Wright

Truan scored three wins and a fourth-place finish for a total score of 13 points for the evening. Rod Cowell, with two wins, a second and a fourth, gained 12 points.

The Division 2 (intermediate) final went to Greeley, over Harold Hartke, Ken Saillant and Aaron Nichols. High points rider for the evening was Hartke, who scored a clean sweep of his four heats for a total of 12 points.

The Division 1 (expert) final went to Eads, in a close finish with defending champion Joe Garrison. Todd won two preliminary dashes and placed second in two others for a total of ten points. Also scoring a total of ten points for the evening was Garrison, with two wins and two second-place finishes, for a tie with Eads.

The popular very young riders (future greats) on 50cc cycles saw Chandler Horton score feature win honors after winning his heat. He was followed by Cole Hahn, Bryce Montani and Blane Cora. The 50cc Beginner class feature went to Telly Spears, over Josh Hardman, Nick McHenry, Cole Lyles, Peyton Reichard and Lexi Lucas.

A few July birthdays include Critter Malone on the first, Drew Pollock and Allan Bigelow on the third, Dan Drinan on the fourth, Jay Drake and Rich Vaughn on the fifth, Steve Krisiloff on the seventh, Jack Hewitt and Bryan Stanfill on the eighth, Arnie DeBrier on the 11th, Dave Ray on the 14th, John Heydenreich on the 15th, Brad Marvel and Dakota Armstrong on the 16th, Bob Nock on the 17th, Chris Beaver on the 19th, Dan Boorse on the 22nd, Brad Kuhn and Shannon McIntosh on the 24th, Pat Sholtis and Jerry Weeks on the 28th, Stan Lobitz on the 29th, and John Murphy on the 30th.

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Qualifying: Jason Meyers, 16.507 secs.

Heat 1: Brandon Wimmer, Wayne Johnson, Kraig Kinser.

Heat 2: Tim Shaffer, Craig Dollansky, Terry McCarl.

Heat 3: Steve Kinser, Danny Lasoski, Brian Paulus.

Dash 1: Sammy Swindell, Meyers, Brian Brown.

Dash 2: Dollansky, Paul McMahan, Shane Stewart.

B-Main: Travis Rilat, Jason Sides, Kevin Swindell.

A-Main: Meyers, McMahan, Paulus, S. Swindell, Stewart, Lasoski, Brooke Tatnell, K. Kinser, S. Kinser, Brown.

Jason Meyer (r) won the World of Outlaws feature Wednesday at Sedalia, MO. Paul McMahan (11th) ran second.

(Sean Mizell photo)

Meyers Dominates for Third WoO Win

SEDLIA, MO, June 22 -- Jason Meyers put on an impressive display of horsepower Wednesday night, chasing down polesitter Sammy Swindell in the World of Outlaws Sprint Series' Summer Nationals at Missouri State Fair Speedway and surging to the lead for the win.

After passing Swindell, Meyers was gone with no more cautions to slow him down. By the time the checkered flag waved he had built more than a seven-second advantage

on the half-mile oval, racing to nearly half-a-track lead.

Meyers also benefited from the only caution of the race.. Craig Dollansky, who started outside on the front row with Swindell, got together with the polesitter at the green flag, and although Dollansky's momentum, Dollansky's machine let go and flipped. Dollansky was able to walk back to the pits.

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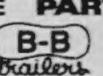
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